

'RECKLESS'

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WASHINGTON - An impassioned President Barack Obama on Thursday kept up the pressure on House Republicans to end the three-day-old government shutdown, appearing at a small construction company outside the capital to challenge Speaker John A. Boehner to quit blocking a vote on federal spending.



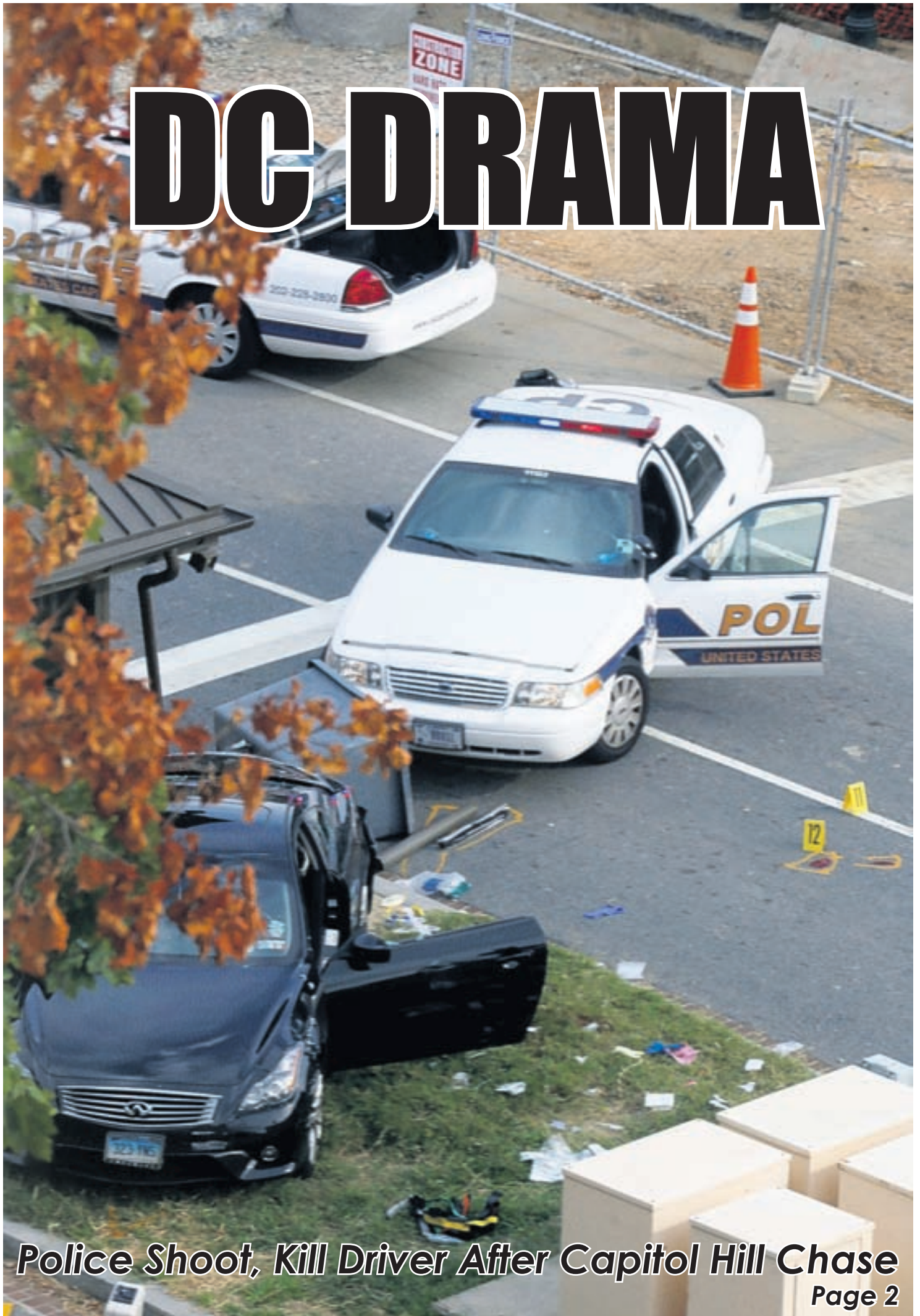
House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio walks to the House Chamber on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

"This isn't happening because of some financial crisis. It's happening because of a reckless Republican shutdown in Washington," he said, to cheers and calls of "That's right!" from the assembled construction workers at M. Luis Construction, a company formed by Portuguese immigrants in Rockville, Md., a suburb north of Washington.

"Remember, it was just five years ago that our economy was in a free fall," Obama said, speaking on the fifth anniversary of Congress' vote to bail out the nearly collapsed financial system.

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Police Shoot, Kill Driver After Capitol Hill Chase

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Capitol Hill police cars are parked behind the car involved in the shooting on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013. (AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

Police Kill Driver After DC Chase

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman with a year-old child led Secret Service and police on a harrowing car chase from the White House past the Capitol Thursday, attempting to penetrate the security barriers at both national landmarks before she was shot to death, police said. The child survived. "I'm pretty confident this was not an accident," said Metropolitan Police Chief

cape, careening around a traffic circle and past the north side of the Capitol. Video shot by a TV cameraman showed police pointing firearms at her car before she rammed a Secret Service vehicle and continued driving. Lanier said police shot and killed her a block northeast of the historic building. One Secret Service member and a 23-year veteran of the Capitol Police were injured. Officials said they are in good condition and expected to recover.

watching from a cab window when the Infiniti sped by him. "The car got boxed in and that's when I saw an officer of some kind draw his weapon and fire shots into the car." Police shot and killed the driver just outside the Hart Senate Office Building, where many senators have their offices. Dine said an officer took the child from the car to a hospital. She is in good condition under protective custody, officials said. A few senators between



Police officers stand near a Capitol Hill police car that was damaged during the chase of a suspect on Capitol Hill in Washington, Oct. 3, 2013. A woman with a year-old child led Secret Service and police on a harrowing car chase from the White House past the Capitol Thursday, attempting to penetrate the security barriers at both national landmarks before she was shot to death, police said. The child survived.

(Drew Angerer/The New York Times)

Cathy Lanier. Still, Capitol Police said there appeared to be no terrorist link. Authorities would not say whether the woman had been armed. Tourists, congressional staff and even some senators watched as a caravan of law enforcement vehicles chase a black Infiniti with Connecticut license plates down Constitution Avenue outside the Capitol. House and Senate lawmakers, inside debating how to end a government shutdown, briefly shuttered their chambers as Capitol Police shut down the building. The woman's car at one point had been surrounded by police cars and she managed to es-

"This appears to be an isolated, singular matter, with, at this point, no nexus to terrorism," said Capitol Police Chief Kim Dine. The pursuit began when the car sped onto a driveway leading to the White House, over a set of lowered barricades. When the driver couldn't get through a second barrier, she spun the car in the opposite direction, flipping a Secret Service officer over the hood of the car as she sped away, said B.J. Campbell, a tourist from Portland, Oregon. Then the chase began. "The car was trying to get away. But it was going over the median and over the curb," said Matthew Coursen, who was

the Capitol and their office buildings said they heard the shots. "We heard three, four, five pops," said Sen. Bob Case. Police ordered Casey and nearby tourists to crouch behind a car for protection, then hustled everyone into the Capitol. Others witnessed the incident, too. "There were multiple shots fired and the air was filled with gunpowder," said Berin Szoka, whose office at a technology think tank overlooks the shooting scene. The shooting comes two weeks after a mentally disturbed employee terrorized the Navy Yard with a shotgun, leaving 13 people dead including the gunman. □

Gulf Coast residents brace for Tropical Storm Karen passing

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NEW ORLEANS (AP) — From a tiny, vulnerable island off the Louisiana coast to the beaches of the Florida Panhandle, Gulf Coast residents prepared Thursday for a possible hit from Tropical Storm Karen, which threatened to become the first named tropical system to menace the United States this year. Karen was forecast to lash the northern Gulf Coast over the weekend as a weak hurricane or tropical storm. A hurricane watch was in effect from Grand Isle, La., to west of Destin, Fla. A tropical storm warning was issued for the Louisiana coast from Grand Isle to the mouth of the Pearl River, including the New Orleans area. In Alabama, safety workers hoisted double red flags at Gulf Shores because of treacherous rip currents ahead of the storm. "Now is the time for people to review their emergency plans in case conditions worsen," Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant said. People who live in flood-prone areas should think about where they'll go if ordered to evacuate, Mississippi Emergency Management Agency spokesman Greg Flynn said. In Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal declared a state of emergency, citing the possibility of high winds, heavy rain and tides. The Army Corps of Engineers said it was closing a structure intended to keep storm surge out of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal — known locally as the Industrial Canal — where levee breaches during Hurricane Katrina led to catastrophic flooding in 2005. Louisiana officials were taking precautions while noting that forecasts show the storm veering east of the state — and at a faster track than last year's Hurricane Isaac, a weak storm that stalled over the area and caused widespread flooding. "It should make that fork right and move out very, very quickly," said Jerry Sneed, head of New Orleans' emergency preparedness office. Offshore, at least two oil companies said they were evacuating non-essential personnel and securing rigs and platforms. In Washington, the White House said the Federal Emergency Management Agency was recalling some workers furloughed due to the government shutdown to prepare for the storm. The National Hurricane Center in Miami said Karen was about 400 miles (644 kilometers) south of the mouth of the Mississippi River late Thursday afternoon and had maximum sustained winds of 65 mph (100 kph) with higher gusts. The storm was moving north-northwest at 12 mph (19 kph). It could be at or near hurricane strength late Friday and early Saturday, forecasters said. In Mexico's Caribbean coast state of Quintana, the brief passage of Karen before the storm moved north caused authorities to close seaports and some schools, but little rain was actually reported. A few fishing camps and small hamlets along the coast were ordered evacuated late Wednesday, and some boat services were suspended for the estimated 35,000 tourists currently in Cancun. But the head of the Cancun Hotel Association, Roberto Cintron, said tourists appeared to be taking it in stride. While meteorologists said it was too soon to predict the storm's ultimate intensity, they said it could weaken a bit as it approaches the coast over the weekend. "Our forecast calls for it to be right around the border of a hurricane and a tropical storm," said David Zelin-sky, a hurricane center meteorologist. □

13 participants of Anonymous group indicted

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP)—A U.S. jury on Thursday indicted 13 members of the Internet hacking group Anonymous for allegedly carrying out cyber-attacks worldwide, including targets that refused to process payments for WikiLeaks, the anti-secrecy website founded by Julian Assange.

The U.S.-based members of Anonymous are accused of zeroing in on the computers of governments, trade associations, law firms, financial institutions and other institutions that oppose the philosophy of Anonymous to make all information free for everyone, regardless of copyright laws or national security considerations.

The indictment filed in federal court says that from September 2010 to January 2011, Anonymous members participated in a campaign they called Operation Payback, using software known as the Low Orbit Ion Cannon to flood websites with huge amounts of Internet traffic to shut them down.

In December 2010, the conspirators discussed possible targets related to WikiLeaks, which received more than 700,000 documents and some battlefield video from Army Pvt. Chelsea Manning, the largest-volume leak of classified material in U.S. history. Anonymous focused on websites that were either critical of WikiLeaks or had refused to process payments for WikiLeaks, among them MasterCard and Visa. The targets even included the Swedish prosecutor's office, in connection with arrest warrants for Assange.

Members of Anonymous launched what they called Operation Payback, an attack on the Motion Picture Industry of America, the Recording Industry Association of America, the British Phonographic Industry and others. □

Obama: 'Reckless' shutdown must end; blames Republicans

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Since then, he said, businesses have added more than 7.5 million jobs, an improving housing market has helped construction companies recover and

for tourists, veterans, older people and children in Head Start, Obama added, "Companies like this one worry that their businesses are going to be disrupted."

The federal government

the Democratic-controlled Senate to continue spending at current levels for two months, it would pass with support from most Democrats and some Republicans.

But Republican leaders

sional leaders ended without a break in the budget standoff, House Republicans on Thursday were expected to continue their attempts to pass piecemeal spending bills that would reopen sections of the government, one program at a time.

But Democrats in the Senate have made it clear that they are unlikely to approve any House proposal unless it is a spending bill that would keep money flowing to the government with no strings attached. And since the Republicans have not abandoned their insistence that any budget measure include language defunding the president's health care law, the government shutdown continues.

The White House meeting Wednesday - which included Boehner; Sen. Mitch McConnell, the Senate's top Republican; Rep. Nancy Pelosi, the House minority leader; and Sen. Harry Reid, the majority leader - was described by the Republicans as "polite" but ultimately unproductive.

In an interview earlier on CNBC, Obama said he would not back down.

"As soon as we get a clean piece of legislation that reopens the government - and there is a majority for that right now in the House of Representatives - until we get that done, until we make sure that Congress allows Treasury to pay for things that Congress itself already authorized, we are not going to engage in a series of negotiations," he said. □



President Barack Obama speaks about the government shutdown and debt ceiling during a visit to M. Luis Construction, which specializes in asphalt manufacturing, concrete paving, and roadway reconstruction, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, in Rockville, Md.

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

auto sales have continued to grow.

"We can't afford to threaten that progress right now," Obama said.

Obama's appearance came just after the Treasury Department released a report arguing that a default could provoke a recession "comparable to or worse" than the one deepened by the financial crisis of 2008, which was the worst since the Depression. Besides the well-publicized disruption of the shutdown

provides \$1 billion a month in loans to small businesses that now cannot be processed, he said.

"The longer this goes on, the worse it will be," he said. "And it makes no sense. The American people elected their representatives to make their lives easier, not harder."

He told his audience what even House Republicans have acknowledged: that if Boehner let the Republican-controlled House vote on a measure passed by

insist that Obama must agree to defund or delay his Affordable Care Act.

"Speaker John Boehner won't even let the bill get a yes-or-no vote because he doesn't want to anger the extremists in his party," the president said. If the speaker allows a vote, Obama added, within minutes "we can get back to the business of helping the American people."

On Wednesday night, after a private meeting among Obama and four congress-

US Treasury warns of harm from debt default

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Treasury Department is warning that the economy could plunge into a downturn worse than the Great Recession if Congress fails to raise the federal borrowing limit and the country defaults on its debt obligations.

A default could cause the

nation's credit markets to freeze, the value of the dollar to plummet and U.S. interest rates to skyrocket, according to the Treasury report released Thursday.

Treasury officials hope by laying out potential consequences they will be able to bring pressure on Congress to act. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew has said he will have used up the

extraordinary measures to avoid breaching the debt ceiling by Oct. 17. After that, the government will have around \$30 billion of cash on hand.

The report looked at the disruptions caused to financial markets during a similar stand-off between the administration and Congress over raising the debt limit. It then made projections

about what could occur if there were an actual default.

In August 2011, Congress eventually raised the nation's borrowing limit before a default occurred but only after a protracted debate. The politics that nearly led to a default prompted Standard & Poor's to cut the nation's credit rating by a notch. □

Shutdown upends daily life for many Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans are finding their lives upended in startling ways by the government shutdown now in its third day. Weddings are in peril, vacations are ruined and a Midwest farmer can't even cash a check for a cow he sold.

The federal government, Americans are learning, entails a lot more than the stereotype of faceless Washington bureaucrats. About 800,000 of those workers, from tax agents to janitors, are bearing the brunt of the shutdown, forced to stay home without pay.

There was no end in sight to the impasse in Washington, which centers on Republican attempts to curtail President Barack Obama's health care law as part of a temporary funding bill.

For the greater public, random activities of daily life are becoming casualties. Two dozen October weddings, including nine this week, are in jeopardy because they're scheduled for closed off monument

sites in Washington. The same was true for a New Jersey couple planning to marry at the Grand Canyon.

Mike Cassesso and Mailien Le have a permit to get

rant booked for their reception. Their new Twitter hashtag: #shutdownwedding.

It's not just romance, tourism and public events that are in jeopardy.



Sen. John Boozman, R-Ark., leads a tour in the Rotunda on Capitol Hill in Washington, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013. Congressional staffers and interns usually lead constituent tours, but due to the federal government shutdown members of Congress have begun to lead tour groups from their home states.

(AP Photo/ Evan Vucci)

married Saturday on the lawn near the Jefferson Memorial.

That looks like it's not going to happen so they are scrambling for alternate sites, including the restau-

Consider the Wisconsin farmer who can't cash a check for a cow he sold.

Ben Brancel, the state's agriculture secretary, said that because the farmer has a federal loan, he can't cash

the check without both his own signature and one from a Farm Service Agency official, unavailable during the shutdown.

"Our advice to him was he was going to have to wait, that there wasn't anything he could do about it," Brancel said.

There are harsher consequences, too.

American Indian tribes, who rely more heavily on federal subsidies, are coping with disrupted services including foster care payments, nutrition programs and financial assistance for the needy.

Some tribes intend to fill the gap in federal funds themselves, risking deficits of their own to cushion communities with chronic high unemployment and poverty against the effects of the budget battle.

"Do we just throw kids onto the street, or do we help them? Most likely we're going to help those families and do whatever we can until this is unresolved," said Tracy "Ching" King, president of northern Montana's Fort Belknap Reservation.

Also taking a hit is the federal Head Start program that provides pre-school, meals and health care to more than 1 million low-income children a year. Four Head Start pre-school providers that serve 3,200 low-income children in four states are closing and others are looking for alternative sources of funding.

Aspiring home owners applying for a mortgage can

expect delays, especially if the shutdown is prolonged. That's because many lenders need government confirmation of applicants' income tax returns and other data.

Families who set out for cherished sites from Yellowstone Park to the historic monuments of Washington were dismayed to find precious vacation time ruined. Some were so angry with Congress they lost their cool.

Near the Capitol, a man with three children in tow approached a shiny black SUV and shouted loudly through the tinted window: "Are you a U.S. representative? Please explain to my children why they can't have their educational tour!"

One possible silver lining to shutdown annoyances: The whole thing could serve as a teachable moment for all those people who tell pollsters that they want budget cuts — as long as they aren't directly affected.

"As time goes by, more and more people see these little things that they took for granted," said Ed Lorenzen, a policy adviser at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, a nonpartisan group pushing for spending discipline. He said the shutdown could serve as a reminder that "you're not going to be able to the balance the budget just by cutting spending in Washington that doesn't affect people." □

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Woman who quit job in video offered new website position

KANSAS CITY, Missouri (AP) — A University of Missouri graduate who used a dance video to quit her job with a Taiwanese company has gotten an offer to work on the website of a daytime talk show.

Marina Shifrin of suburban Chicago became an Internet sensation after her choreographed performance to Kanye West's "Gone" was posted on YouTube. She was a guest Thursday

on Queen Latifah's talk show on the Fox Network. The host asked Shifrin if she wanted to work as a digital content producer on Latifah's website.

At first Shifrin thought Latifah was joking, but the host insisted she was serious. Latifah said a short interview would happen backstage.

The show ended without disclosing whether Shifrin had taken the position. □

Twitter unseals IPO papers, hopes to raise \$1 billion

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Twitter has unsealed the documents for its planned initial public offering of stock and says it hopes to raise up to \$1 billion.

The company is also revealing for the first time the amount of money it makes. Founded in 2006, Twitter has never turned a profit and has an uninterrupted history of losses totaling \$419 million since its inception. But its revenue is growing.

Twitter disclosed three weeks ago that it filed confidential papers to start the IPO process.

On Thursday, San Francisco-based Twitter Inc. unsealed the papers with the Securities and Exchange Commission, giving potential investors and its user base a look inside its business. The company was taking advantage of federal legislation passed last

year that allows companies with less than \$1 billion in revenue in its last fiscal year to avoid submitting public IPO documents.



A smartphone display shows the Twitter logo in Berlin, Germany, Twitter unsealed the documents Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, for its planned initial public offering of stock and says it hopes to raise up to \$1 billion.

with Facebook's nearly 1.2 billion and LinkedIn's 240 million.

The company also said that it lost \$69.3 million in

stock exchange it plans to list its shares on, though the company said it intends to use the ticker symbol "TWTR." The underwriters of the offering are Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, JP Morgan, BofA Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank Securities and CODE Advisors.

Twitter's IPO has been long expected. The company has been ramping up its advertising products and working to boost ad revenue in preparation. But it is still tiny compared with Facebook, which saw its hotly anticipated IPO implode last year amid worries about its ability to grow mobile ad revenue.

Twitter's moneymaking potential has minted the company with an estimated market value of \$10 bil-

lion, based on the appraisals of venture capitalists and other early investors. The IPO could value it higher or lower. PrivCo analyst Sam Hamadeh says he expects Twitter to aim for a market value of about \$15 billion when it prices its IPO. Twitter's appeal is in its simplicity. Users send short messages — either public or private — that consist of up to 140 characters. Anyone can "follow" anyone else, but the relationship doesn't have to be reciprocal, which makes the service especially attractive for celebrities and companies that use Twitter to communicate directly with customers.

Twitter has 2,000 employees, up from 200 at the start of 2010. □

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Twitter says that it generated \$317 million in revenue in 2012 and that it had more than 218 million active users as of the end of June, up 44 percent from a year earlier. That compares

the first six months of 2013, compared with a loss of \$49.1 million for the same period last year. Revenue more than doubled to \$254 million from \$122 million. Twitter did not say which

Teen accepts deal in underage sex case

VERO BEACH, Florida (AP)

— A teen accused of having sex with her underage girlfriend Thursday pleaded no contest — essentially conceding the charges without admitting guilt. Her attorney describes the plea deal as in her best interest. Kaitlyn Hunt was charged in February with having sex with a 14-year-old female

schoolmate. Hunt was 18 at the time. A previous plea deal was withdrawn in August following allegations that Hunt exchanged thousands of texts with the girl and sent her nude photos. She was sent to jail.

Civil and gay rights groups say that Hunt is being punished for behavior that occurs at schools across

the U.S. without resulting in criminal charges.

A "Free Kate" Facebook page has generated more than 30,000 followers so far, and an online petition urging that the charges be dropped gained more than 100,000 signatures. Under the terms of Thursday's deal, Hunt will stay in jail until mid-December. □

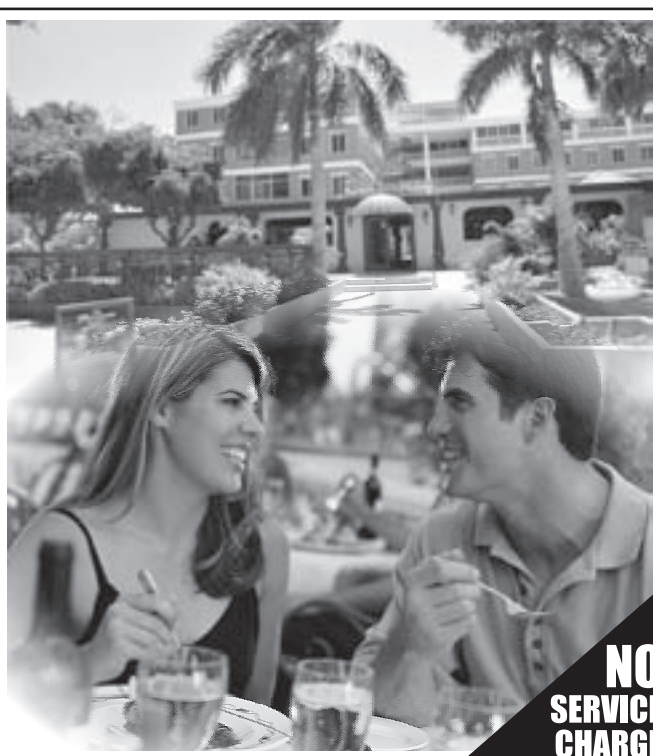
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NYC psychic on trial for grand larceny

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NEW YORK (AP) — When a heartbroken ballroom-dancing instructor who had just lost a job and a lonely Singaporean businesswoman with an unrequited workplace crush wandered into a fortune-teller's shop, the soothsayer foresaw lucrative opportunities — for herself, prosecutors said. Conjuring past lives, divining "negative energy" and promising to banish problems through techniques such as stuffing thousands of customers' dollars in a jar, Sylvia Mitchell bilked the businesswoman out of \$128,000 and the dance

in psychics," Mitchell's lawyer, William Aronwald, told jurors in an opening statement. The two women hired Mitchell to help them try to change their lives, and there's no evidence "that she did not provide the services that she was contracted to provide," he said. But prosecutors say Mitchell, 39, seized on despair to peddle false promises of personal transformation. "The defendant is not in the business of cleansing spirits. She's in the business of cleaning out bank accounts," Manhattan Assistant District Attorney James Bergamo said. Saalfeld, who runs a mar-

started regretting it on the plane back to Florida and asked for a refund as soon as she landed. Mitchell said the money wasn't available, Saalfeld said. After trying unsuccessfully to stop payment on the check, she called police, had a lawyer write letters and hired a private investigator to try to retrieve her money. Mitchell ultimately gave back about \$9,500, Saalfeld testified. Meanwhile, Mitchell cultivated an even more financially rewarding relationship with another client, Lee Choong, a Singapore native who earned a master's degree in business in New York, prosecutors said.



The Zena Psychic Parlor where Sylvia Mitchell, a former Greenwich Village practitioner, performs psychic readings, in New York. (Richard Perry/The New York Times)

instructor out of more than \$10,000, prosecutors said as Mitchell's grand larceny trial opened Thursday. "It's one of the most humiliating things that's ever happened to me," dance instructor Debra Saalfeld said in recounting how she tapped a credit line on her Florida home to hand over \$27,000 as a personal "test" to a psychic who said Saalfeld had been an Egyptian princess in a previous existence. The case, one of several against psychics here and elsewhere in recent years, probes at the line between selling a service, however unusual, and preying on hopes. "This case is not about whether you believe

ketting business and competes in a ballroom dancing style called American smooth, said she had never been to a psychic before she went into Mitchell's chandelier-lit storefront, where she's billed as Zena the Clairvoyant. After a \$75 initial psychic reading, she returned the next week for a \$1,000 version — and was told her problems stemmed from being too attached to money in her royal life in ancient Egypt, Saalfeld said. She knows of no Egyptian heritage in her family. Mitchell's solution: Give her \$27,000, just to hold, as an exercise in parting with money, Saalfeld recalled. She gave Mitchell the sum,

Far from home, Choong was juggling heavy professional demands with a personal problem: She had developed a romantic interest in a female co-worker, who didn't reciprocate, according to prosecutors and Mitchell's lawyer. Choong hasn't yet testified. Choong's family didn't know of her sexual orientation, and she felt conflicted about being attracted to someone in her office, prosecutors and the defense said. Mitchell said Choong was surrounded by "negative energy," and could exorcise it by putting \$18,000 in a jar that Mitchell would hold, Bergamo said. □

Q&A ON THE NEWS

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Q: What weapon did the Navy Yard shooter take into the building? Some reports said it was an AR-15 while others said a shotgun and others a sawed-off shotgun. Can you shed light on this? If it was a shotgun, was it sawed-off or was it semi-automatic?

-- Bob Sullivan, Canton, Ga.

A: Aaron Alexis used a seven-shot, pump-action Remington 870 12-gauge shotgun that he bought in a gun store in Lorton, Va. He also bought two boxes of shells (24 total) two days before he killed 12 people at the Washington Navy Yard on Sept. 16. The shotgun's stock and barrel had both been sawed off, the FBI said. Alexis also used a 9 mm handgun he took from security guard Richard "Mike" Ridgell, who was killed during the attack. Alexis was killed by a U.S. Park Police officer, according to the FBI.

Q: At the end of the movie "Zero Dark Thirty," one of the Navy SEALs removed Osama bin Laden's AK-47 from a wall in his bedroom. Did the U.S. really take bin Laden's AK-47? If the U.S. confiscated bin Laden's AK-47, where is it?

-- William McKee Jr., Flowery Branch, Ga.

A: Bin Laden's AK-47 is on display at a museum at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., according to NBC News. The rifle was taken from the third floor of the compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan, where a U.S. Navy SEAL team killed the terrorist in a raid in May 2011. "Because of its proximity to (bin Laden) there on the third floor in the compound, our analyst determined it to be his," curator Toni Hiley told NBC News. "It's a Russian AK with counterfeit Chinese markings." Hiley said, however, the AK-47 is not the same one seen with bin Laden in propaganda videos. The museum is not open to the public.

Q: What happened to Dr. Lisa Masterson? She was one of the co-hosts on "The Doctors." I haven't seen her on there for a while.

-- Jerome Bernhardt, Marietta, Ga.

A: Masterson, an obstetrician-gynecologist, didn't return for the sixth season of "The Doctors," which began last month. The new recurring co-hosts include urologist Dr. Jennifer Berman, family medicine physician and sexologist Dr. Rachael Ross, and Dr. Ian K. Smith, who wrote "The Shred Revolutionary Diet." Masterson has a practice in California and co-developed Therafit shoes (www.therafitshoe.com), which are described as "fashionable, comfortable sneakers and sandals for all hours of a woman's day," on the company's website.

Q: Is Judge Shira Scheindlin in New York City related to TV's Judge Judy or her husband Jerry?

-- Toni Wickham, Acworth, Ga.

A: Scheindlin is not related to Judy Sheindlin, who is Judge Judy on the TV show, or her husband Jerry, a former judge. Shira Scheindlin spells her name with a "c" after the "S," unlike the Sheindlins.

Q: There was a little boy from Haiti who was in Atlanta for surgery before the earthquake there. What happened to the little boy?

-- Sylvia Copeland, Decatur, Ga.

A: Michael Lucien was doing well when a pediatric nurse from Children's Healthcare of Atlanta visited him in January 2012, Alison Fussell, the executive director of Childspring International, told Q-and-A on the News. □



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Farmers, waste management companies and the energy industries have long experimented with converting methane, a by-product of decomposing organic matter, into transportation fuel.

Those efforts have met with mixed success, and a renewable natural gas fuel has not been widely available in the United States. But now, one leading supplier of natural gas transport fuel is taking a big step toward changing that.

Clean Energy Fuels will announce Thursday that it has started selling a fuel made of methane from landfills and other waste sources at its more than 40 filling stations in California. The company, which is backed by T. Boone Pickens, is developing a nationwide network of natural gas pumps and plans to introduce the fuel elsewhere as well.

The company expects to sell 15 million gallons of the fuel in California this year, more than double the amount of similar fuels the Environmental Protection Agency projected would be produced nationwide. Its customers include companies like AT&T, Verizon, Mattel and Williams-Sonoma as well as large fleet operators like SuperShuttle and Hertz.

To many in the industry, the pace of the fuel's development has been something of a surprise.

"Though California and others have been investing in the development of this fuel, I don't think people were expecting there to be a significant public supply or access this soon - maybe not even this decade," said Tim Carmichael, who

leads the California Natural Gas Vehicle Coalition, a trade group.

A big factor in methane's rise is the surge in natural gas production from shale

fuel, which is called Redeem, at the same price as its conventional natural gas fuel even though it is more expensive to produce.

The new fuel is also cheap-

er than diesel fuel and it provides the companies some insulation from the geopolitics that can drive up petroleum prices.

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the fuel counts as renewable and takes less energy to extract and process, making it more attractive to companies seeking to burnish their green credentials.

The fuel's environmental benefits also include capturing the methane before it is released into the atmosphere. When the methane-derived fuel is burned, it is far less harmful to the atmosphere than petroleum fuels. But the methane that escapes directly from decomposing waste is more potent as a heat-trapping gas than carbon. For this reason, many large-scale farms, wastewater treatment companies and garbage companies have developed systems to capture escaping methane - known as biogas - for both transportation and electricity, and several startup companies are working on systems of their own. There are projects in Europe as well, where biogas for transport is more common. □



Berry Ross fuels a Hertz bus tank with Redeem, a fuel made from rotting organic material, in Los Angeles, Oct. 2, 2013. Clean Energy Fuels will announce Thursday that it is selling Redeem, a vehicle fuel derived from landfill methane and other waste sources, in more than 40 California filling stations.

(J. Emilio Flores/The New York Times)

drilling, which had already nudged the transportation industry to begin shifting to vehicles that can run on the cleaner-burning fuel, making it easier to meet emissions standards.

Another reason is powerful government incentives, especially in California, that have imposed strict regulations intended to help reduce carbon emissions to 1990 levels by 2020. Under the program, suppliers that reduce emissions during the production, transportation and use of the fuel are awarded tradable credits. These and similar federal incentives are allowing Clean Energy to sell the



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Ship capsizes off Italy; 114 African migrants die

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Associated Press

ROME (AP) — The rickety fishing boat was the third of the night to head toward the tiny Italian island of Lampedusa, overloaded with African migrants seeking a better life in Europe.

ter wave of illegal immigration. "It's an immense tragedy," Mayor Giusi Nicolini said. Between 450 and 500 people were believed to be on board the boat, which set sail from the Libyan capital, Tripoli, and capsized about

a half-mile from Lampedusa; health commissioner Antonio Candela said only 159 were rescued. Bartolo initially put the death toll at 94 but said it would certainly rise as search operations continued. Italian coast guard

divers later reported seeing another 20 bodies on the ocean floor. The deaths of so many people may have come down to the lack of a cell-phone. The 66-foot (20-meter) boat was carrying migrants from Eritrea, Ghana and Somalia, Italian coast guard spokesman Marco Di Milla told The Associated Press.

It nearly reached its destination, getting as far as nearby Conigli island before it began taking on water, Interior Minister Angelino Alfano told reporters. Usually, smugglers have mobile or satellite phones to call for help when they near shore or run into trouble. Instead, someone on this boat set fire to a piece of material to attract the attention of passing ships, he said.

Only three of the estimated 100 women on board were rescued — and none of the 10 children were saved, said Simona Mos-

carelli, of the International Organization for Migration in Rome. Two of the dead women were pregnant.

"Most of them can't swim," she told the AP. "Only the strongest survived."

Italian coast guard ships, fishing boats and helicopters from across the region searched for survivors. Rescue crews hauled body bags by the dozens at Lampedusa port, lining them up under multicolored tarps on the docks. Coast guard divers found the wreck on the sea floor, some 130 feet below the surface, Cmdr. Floriana Segreto told the AP.

Survivors packed Lampedusa's detention center for migrants, along with those aboard the two other smugglers' boats, which reached shore safely. More than 1,000 people were squeezed into a space built for 250, Moscarelli said. Medical workers scrambled to treat the injured.



An Italian Coast Guard boat carry rescued migrants as they arrive in the port of Lampedusa Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013. A ship carrying African migrants to Europe caught fire and capsized off the Italian island of Lampedusa on Thursday, killing at least 94 people as it spilled hundreds of passengers into the sea, officials said. Over 150 people were rescued but some 200 others were still unaccounted for. It was one of the deadliest recent accidents in the notoriously perilous Mediterranean Sea crossing from Africa for migrants seeking a new life in the European Union.

(AP Photo/Nino Randazzo)

Most never reached shore. After the boat started taking on water, someone on board set a fire to get the attention of passing ships. The flames spread and panicked passengers surged to one side to avoid the fire. The vessel capsized, and hundreds of men, women and children who didn't know how to swim were flung into the Mediterranean Sea.

At least 114 people died and some 200 were still unaccounted for late Thursday, Italian officials said.

"We need only caskets, certainly not ambulances," said Pietro Bartolo, chief of Lampedusa health services. It was one of the deadliest accidents in the perilous crossing thousands make each year, seeking a new life in the prosperous European Union. Smugglers charge thousands of dollars a head for the journey aboard overcrowded, barely seaworthy boats that lack life vests.

Lampedusa, 70 miles (113 kilometers) off Tunisia and closer to Africa than the Italian mainland, has been at the center of wave af-

Leader of far-right party in Greece is jailed

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ATHENS, Greece — The leader of the extreme-right Golden Dawn party was returned to custody Thursday after appearing before a Greek magistrate on charges of setting up a criminal organization, part of the government's crackdown on a party described by Greek and European authorities as neo-Nazi and violent.

The magistrate's order to remand Nikos Michaloliakos, the first political party leader to face jail since Greece's seven-year military dictatorship ended in 1974, came a day after three of his fellow lawmakers facing similar charges were released from custody and told not to leave the country, and a fourth was ordered held pending trial. During more than six hours of testimony in an Athens courtroom, Michaloliakos condemned the murder last month of a 34-year-old hip-hop artist and anti-fascist, Pavlos

Fyssas, by a self-professed supporter of Golden Dawn, and said he did not know whether members of

am not a Nazi." Leaving court early Thursday, Michaloliakos was defiant. "Long live Golden



Lawmaker of extremist right-wing Golden Dawn Christos Pappas, center, who the prosecution has described as the party's second in command, is escorted by anti-terror police to appear in court for his preliminary hearing in Athens, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013. Nikos Michaloliakos, the head of Greece's extremist right-wing Golden Dawn party was jailed early Thursday, pending trial on charges of running a criminal organization in an investigation into his political party triggered by the killing of a left-wing rapper.

(AP Photo/Thanassis Stavrakis)

the party were involved in violence, according to a court official. "I condemn the murder, like I condemn violence in general," he was quoted as saying. "I

Dawn! Victory!" he declared as his wife, Eleni Zaroulia, another Golden Dawn member of Parliament, cried, "You're a diamond!" and his daughter,

Ourania Michaloliakou, urged him, "Don't buckle, don't give in!"

Michaloliakos was transferred to the capital's high-security Korydallos prison later in the day along with Yiannis Lagos, another Golden Dawn lawmaker. Giorgos Patelis, the head of the party's chapter in Nikaia, near the spot where Fyssas was fatally stabbed, and an officer from the regional police precinct accused of supplying Golden Dawn with information were taken to two other jails in central Greece, state television reported, amending earlier reports that all four suspects would be held together at Korydallos. According to the police, Lagos telephoned Michaloliakos half an hour after the killing of Fyssas on Sept. 18. The lawmaker has been tied to protection and prostitution rackets as well as blackmail and money laundering, according to secret service documents leaked to the Greek media this week. □

Disarmament experts report early progress in Syria

RYAN LUCAS
Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — International inspectors racing to eliminate Syria's chemical weapons stockpile said Thursday they have made "encouraging initial progress" in their mission, and

armament experts arrived in Syria on Tuesday to begin laying the foundations for a broader operation charged with dismantling and ultimately destroying President Bashar Assad's chemical program over the next nine months. The

to manufacture chemical weapons by Nov. 1. The team reported its progress in a statement issued after the first day of meetings with Syrian authorities. Documents handed over by the Syrian government "look promising," the state-

The onsite inspections and the disabling of equipment depend on the work of technical groups established together with Syrian experts. Those groups, the statement said, are working to iron out the details in three areas crucial to the mission: verifying the initial information Syria provided on its chemical program, ensuring the safety of the inspectors and finalizing practical arrangements for implementing the plan. Early Thursday, a convoy of three U.N. vehicles left a hotel in central Damascus with nine experts from the Netherlands-based chemical weapons watchdog, but it was not clear where they were heading. For now, the team consists of an advance group of 19 experts from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and 14 U.N. staff members. A second group of inspectors is to join them within a week to raise the total number to nearly 100.

Their mission stems from a deadly Aug. 21 attack on opposition-held suburbs of

Damascus in which the U.N. has determined the nerve agent sarin was used. The U.S. and its allies accuse the Syrian government of being responsible for the attack, while Damascus blames the rebels.

The Obama administration threatened to launch punitive missile strikes against Syria, prompting frantic diplomatic efforts to forestall an attack. Those efforts concluded with last week's unanimous U.N. Security Council resolution endorsing the elimination of Syria's chemical weapons. The mid-2014 deadline — the tightest OPCW inspectors have faced — is only one of several challenges the inspectors must overcome. Another major hurdle is purging Assad's estimated 1,000-ton arsenal in the middle of Syria's bloody civil war.

The conflict, which is rooted in what began as peaceful protests in March 2011, has laid waste to the countries' cities, shattered its economy and driven more than 2 million people to seek shelter abroad. □



A convoy of inspectors from the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons cross into Syria at the Lebanese border crossing point of Masnaa, eastern Bekaa Valley, Lebanon. Inspectors said Thursday they have made "encouraging initial progress" in their mission, and they hope to start onsite inspections and to begin disabling equipment within a week.

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An advance team of dis-

first step in the undertaking — endorsed by a United Nations Security Council resolution last week — is to scrap Syria's capacity

ment said. But more analysis, particularly of technical diagrams, was planned, and "more questions remain to be answered."

UK teen planned Columbine-like massacre

LONDON (AP) — A 17-year-old boy accused of planning a series of gun and bomb attacks on his former school was inspired by mass shooting sprees, including the one at Colorado's Columbine High School in 1999, a prosecutor said Thursday.

The teenager, who could not be named for legal reasons, is charged with planning terror attacks on the school and other local targets in Leicestershire in central England.

Speaking at the boy's trial, prosecutor Max Hill said the teenager kept a book called "Spree Killers" and had noted down the number of people killed at Columbine and by Anders Behring Breivik in Norway in 2011.

Hill added that Facebook chat records showed the boy claimed he wanted to "take some Muslims down" and named a local mosque, a cinema, and government offices in the town of Loughborough as potential targets.

The defendant, who has Asperger's Syndrome, was arrested in February after being found with a machete. Police searching his home later found weapons, including ammunition, partially-assembled gasoline bombs and other explosives. He denies terrorism offenses but has admitted possessing bomb parts. "He denied he had anything other than a genuine interest in the Columbine massacre," Hill said.

Testifying at a London

court, a science teacher at the boy's school said the defendant looked at guns online while he was at school and asked for advice about firearms and making explosives.

"He was encouraging me to look at the guns and make some sort of judgment about whether it was a good gun," said the teacher, who also could not be named to protect the identity of the teenager. "He asked me which gun I would prefer to be shot with."

The teacher and another witness, a former friend of the accused, added that the boy was known to launch tirades abusing people of Muslim and Jewish faiths. □



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European recovery gathering renewed momentum

PAN PYLAS

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — While the U.S. economic outlook has become murkier because of the partial shutdown of the government, the picture in Europe — so long the laggard of the global economy — has brightened.

Another round of economic data Thursday provided evidence that Europe's recovery from recession is becoming broad-based and self-sustaining.

Particularly encouraging was the news that retail sales across the eurozone rose a forecast-busting 0.7 percent in August from the previous month, according to Eurostat, the EU's statistics office. Retail sales are an important barometer of economic confidence as they show consumers are more willing to spend rather than save despite many headwinds, such as high unemployment and government-imposed austerity measures. They are also a major component of growth.

The August increase added to the previous month's 0.5 percent rise — itself revised higher — and was above market expectations for a more modest 0.2 percent gain.

Much of the improvement was due to massive increases recorded in Portugal and Spain, two of the countries at the forefront of Europe's debt crisis. How much of their respective 4.8 percent and 3.8 percent increases were due to tourists spending more on holiday wasn't immediately clear.

Earlier Thursday, a closely-watched survey found economic output across the eurozone rose in September at its fastest pace since the summer of 2011. Financial information company Markit said its composite purchasing managers' index — a broad gauge of business activity across the manufacturing and services sectors — rose to a 27-month high of 52.2 points in September. The increase from 51.5 in August takes the index further

above the 50-point threshold that indicates expansion.

The figures echo recent findings about the eurozone — that a recovery is taking place after the currency bloc emerged in the second quarter from the longest recession in its near

six-year lows. The weekly applications are a proxy for layoffs and suggest companies are cutting fewer jobs.

That is typically followed by more hiring, but that hasn't happened yet. A survey by payroll provider ADP showed that job gains

policy meeting and is a hopeful sign.

Analysts, though, were keen to point out that the economy might struggle to build on the recent months' improvements.

"Spending will continue to be soft in the coming months, as euroland



The world's largest container vessel, the Korean built Majestic Maersk, at the quay of Langelinie in Copenhagen in late September. The vessel is 399 meters long, 59 meters broad and 73 meters high — and it can carry 18,000 containers. The ship, the second of 20 identical vessels to be built for Maersk, will carry freight between Europe and Asia.

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15-year history. This week, figures showed the number of unemployed fell in August for the third consecutive month, the first time that has happened since April 2011.

In the United States, meanwhile, the economy has shown signs of weakening. Growth at U.S. service firms slowed in September as sales fell sharply, new orders dropped and hiring flagged, according to a private survey released Thursday.

The decline suggested that U.S. consumers and businesses pulled back on spending last month. The report came on the third day of a partial government shutdown that threatens to lower growth in the October-December quarter.

The shutdown could shave about 0.15 percentage points from fourth-quarter growth for each week it lasts, economists estimate. Also Thursday, the number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits rose slightly but remained near

in September remained at roughly the same modest level they have been at all year.

An even greater disruption could occur in two weeks if Congress hasn't agreed by then to raise the U.S. government's borrowing cap. That cap limits total U.S. government debt to \$16.7 trillion.

If it isn't raised, the government would be unable to borrow to fund programs or make interest payments. Spending would be slashed by as much as one-third and the U.S. government could even default on its debts.

Christine Lagarde, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, warned Thursday that a failure to raise the limit would severely damage the U.S. and global economies.

Meanwhile, the signs of economic improvement in Europe help explain why the European Central Bank opted against doing anything more to shore up the recovery at Wednesday's

households face a number of hurdles that will keep discretionary spending subdued," said Anna Zabrodzka, economist at Moody's Analytics.

Governments are still cutting spending and benefits. And despite the stabilization in the labor market, the unemployment rate remains near a record high at 12 percent.

"The region is by no means out of the woods yet," said Chris Williamson, chief economist at Markit, though he said Thursday's figures boded well for economic growth in the third quarter. Over the past three years, the eurozone, which has a population of around 330 million, has grappled with a debt crisis that threatened the future of the euro currency itself. Countries across the region, but mainly in the south, such as Greece, Portugal and Spain, have had to take tough austerity measures to convince bond market investors that they could get a handle on their public finances. □

Portugal passes bailout test, gets further funding

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Associated Press

LISBON, Portugal (AP) — Portugal has passed the latest test of its compliance with the terms of its bailout and qualified for around 5.5 billion euros (\$7.5 billion) in further funding from creditors, officials said Thursday.

However, the creditors who lent Portugal 78 billion euros in 2011 refused the government's request to ease next year's deficit target to 4.5 percent of gross domestic product, Deputy Prime Minister Paulo Portas said.

The goal remains 4 percent.

The government wanted softer terms on the deficit to ease austerity measures which are widely blamed for an expected third straight year of recession in 2013. The government predicts that the jobless rate, currently at 16.5 percent, will reach 17.4 percent by the end of this year and hit 17.7 percent in 2014.

The economic downturn has fueled fears that Portugal, like Greece, may need a second bailout and prolong the crisis which the 17 countries sharing the euro currency have battled for three years. Portugal is supposed to start borrowing on financial markets again in the middle of next year, but three major international ratings agencies still classify its credit worthiness at junk status.

Inspectors from the so-called troika of bailout creditors — the country's fellow euro members, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund — concluded after a two-week assessment visit to Lisbon that the government is complying with the demands of Portugal's financial rescue agreement, the government and the troika announced.

"The (bailout) program remains broadly on track, with the authorities determined to achieve its objectives," the troika said in a statement. □



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Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood keeps protests alive

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Graffiti around the Egyptian capital proclaim the Muslim Brotherhood's call for new anti-military protests Sunday — dotting walls, light poles and signposts for miles down main avenues and near the presidential palace from which the group was ousted three months ago. It's an impressive show of survival, giving the image that the Brotherhood is everywhere, just under the surface. But the Brotherhood is in an existential crisis, unsure how to adapt under the heaviest crackdown since the 1960s, carried out by a new military-backed government determined to end the group, at least in the form it has been in for the past 85 years. With neither side in-

terested in talking for now, the Brotherhood's crippled leadership is reduced to minimizing its losses until it finds an exit from the crisis. It is turning to its international leaders for help in decision-making and waging a campaign of persistent, if small protests to prove it cannot be crushed. Few political organizations in the world have undergone a reversal as dramatic as the Muslim Brotherhood. It was the dominant force of Egypt's fledgling democracy after the 2011 fall of autocrat Hosni Mubarak. It rode the first free elections to win the presidency and parliament, and was poised to mold the country to its vision. Now, three months after the military coup that removed President Mohammed Morsi, it

has been virtually decapitated, much of its leadership in prison, the rest in hiding and on the run. Morsi has languished in military detention, unseen by the outside world, since the July 3 coup. He faces trial, as do the Brotherhood's top leaders and some 2,000 other jailed members. The Brotherhood's nationwide network of members has fled underground, and the group that often boasted it represents the real Egypt finds itself vilified by government officials, the media and a large sector of the Egyptian public as extremists and terrorists. Now it and the new government are locked into what is effectively a long, possibly violent process that will determine how the Brotherhood could fit into



Supporters of Egypt's ousted President Mohammed Morsi chant slogans and hold placards showing an open palm with four raised fingers during a protest in Cairo, Egypt.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

a democracy that those who toppled Morsi say they want to build. Many Egyptians say Morsi's year in power proved the Brotherhood is fundamentally undemocratic and seeks only to monopolize power. Hard-line Brotherhood opponents say it can have no place in politics, but moderates recognize it cannot be permanently repressed in a truly free system.

The Brotherhood's long-term aim is to preserve the tight-knit, largely secretive structure of cadres, businesses and charities that made it a wealthy political powerhouse. Eventually, many Brotherhood members believe, the interim government will have to back down to ensure stability as it tackles Egypt's multiple woes, particularly the struggling economy. □

FARC: modest progress in Havana talks

HAVANA (AP) — Colombia's largest rebel group is reporting modest advances during 10 months of peace talks. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia blamed President Juan Manuel Santos' administration for the slow pace as talks resumed Thursday in the Cuban capital after a two-week break. Chief rebel negotiator Ivan Marquez says progress has been modest, despite nearly 200 rebel propos-

als and 25 pages of partial agreements for resolving rural and other problems in Colombia. Marquez blames the delays on agenda changes he says "are not the responsibility" of his group. But he also recognizes "the government's will for advancing the dialogue." Government representatives did not comment. The rebel group known as the FARC is Latin America's oldest active guerrilla group. Its peace talks with

Colombia's government began in Havana late last year. □

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Japan, US to deploy new radar, drones soon

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Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — The United States and Japan moved Thursday to modernize and expand their defense alliance to counter new 21st century challenges including the continuing threat from nuclear-armed North Korea and potential aggression from China over disputed territory. Revamping the guidelines

Mariana Islands.

U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel met with Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera and afterward laid out the details of the session. The talks, ahead of President Barack Obama's visits to Indonesia and Brunei next week, were aimed at modernizing the American-Japanese alliance

National Peace Committee of Korea condemned the exercise, which will include the USS George Washington aircraft carrier and its strike group, as reckless saber-rattling. The new X-band radar system, in fact, is designed to protect the region against the North Korean threat, boosting Japan's ability to track and intercept missiles from across the Sea of Japan. Officials have stressed

day contain no direct mention of the Senkakus, easily one of the most contentious issues affecting security in the Pacific. Despite that, the territorial dispute over the remote, uninhabited islands was a prime topic during the meeting and of the statements by the leaders afterward. Hagel said the U.S. reiterated that while Washington takes no side on the question of the islands'



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, center left, and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel, left, attend their joint news conference with Japan's Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera, right, and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida after the Japan-U.S. security talks in Tokyo Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013.

(AP Photo/Issei Kato, Pool)

of their defense partnership for the first time in 16 years, the allies agreed to position a second early-warning radar in Japan within the next year to help protect against North Korea. And by next spring, they will deploy new long-range surveillance drones to help monitor disputed islands in the East China Sea, a move that may well raise tensions with Beijing. The foreign and defense ministers of the two countries also, for the first time, put a price on what Japan will contribute to the relocation of Marines out of Okinawa to Guam and other locations in the Asia-Pacific region. Japan will pay up to \$3.1 billion of the move, which includes development of new facilities in Guam and the Northern

that both sides maintain is a cornerstone of peace and stability in North Asia. "Japan is changing and so is its neighborhood," Kerry told reporters at a press conference after the meeting. "So we're coming together now to modernize our deep cooperation, through both our military alliances and our diplomatic partnerships, and that is so we can better prevent and respond to the ever-changing threats of the 21st century." The deep neighborhood divisions were underscored, even as the meeting went on, when a new naval exercise between the U.S., Japan and South Korea scheduled for next week was disclosed, provoking a swift response from North Korea. In a statement, the

it is not directed at China. Kerry acknowledged the threat from Pyongyang, but also said the U.S. was willing to sign a non-aggression pact with North Korea if it gives up its nuclear weapons and complies with international demands. The drones, meanwhile, are designed in part to help step up surveillance around the Senkaku islands, a source of heated debate between Japan and China. Under the plan, two or three will fly out of a U.S. base. While the U.S. has operated unmanned aircraft over Japan in the past, for example during the 2011 tsunami, this would be the first time that drones would be based in Japan. More broadly, the documents agreed to on Thurs-

sovereignty, it recognizes Japan's administration of them and has responsibilities to protect Japanese territory under a mutual defense treaty. "We strongly oppose any unilateral or coercive action that seeks to undermine Japan's administrative control," he said. China's Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday, which is part of a weeklong national holiday. Beijing has criticized the installation of the first military radar system, as announced last month, to monitor Pyongyang's military activities. Foreign ministry spokesman Hong Lei then said the plans could affect regional stability and upset the strategic balance. □

Russia's Libyan embassy empty following attack

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MOSCOW - The Russian Foreign Ministry said Thursday that it evacuated its embassy in Libya after armed men stormed the complex the day before, apparently seeking revenge for the killing of a Libyan air force officer.

The Russian statement and news reports described a pitched battle between security officers and the gunmen after they broke into the embassy in Tripoli. The ambassador and other staff members hid in safe rooms.

Although it was clear how the attack ended - Russian security personnel expelled the attackers, killing two of them, and then the entire embassy staff left the country - why it started remained murky.

"According to the information we have, the direct reason for this aggressive action toward our diplomatic mission was the murder on Oct. 1 by a Russian citizen, Ekaterina Ustyuzhaninova, of a Libyan officer and the infliction of a knife wound on his mother," the Russian Foreign Ministry's statement said.

"The incident provoked relatives and friends of the murdered Libyan to avenge his death with an attack on the Russian diplomatic mission."

Ustyuzhaninova's motives, her connection with the dead man and her reasons for being in Libya were not clarified.

She was arrested by the Libyan authorities and will face charges in the killing. One report on Libyan television described the killing as the handiwork of a "female Russian" assassin who might have also killed other military officers. None of those details could be confirmed.

A video reportedly from the murder scene that was posted on Facebook showed a body and "Death to rats" written in blood in English on a wall beside it. □



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PALM BEACH - Bugaloe Beach Bar & Grill welcomes back lovely, bright couple Mark and Lindsey Thwaites from New York, New York! Aruba has been their holiday of choice for 5 years now. And why wouldn't it? The beautiful beaches, gorgeous weather and friendly people is what draws them back year after year. Not completely sure when Mark and Lindsey discovered Bugaloe, but it has been their hotspot ever since. They enjoy Bugaloe for the fun staff, chill atmosphere and popular band Joyride. When deciding to have dinner at Bugaloe they will most likely choose the garlic shrimp with fries, their absolute favorite, which easily goes down with some Amstel Brights. When in Aruba, they mostly spend their time having fun at happy hours while watching the beautiful sunsets. Their funniest all time memory of Bugaloe was when 'Elvis' showed up at their wedding! The Bugaloe Crew likes to thank Mark and Lindsey for being such loyal guests, and hope to see them again soon! ☐

Wild weekend set for Aruba Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival!

ORANJESTAD - Get ready for hot performances on October 5th during the Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival's Sizzling Saturday. Iconic jazz guitarist George Benson, absolute highlight of the Festival this year, performs Saturday night from

8:30-10:00 PM at the Padu Stage. Benson's legendary world hits will make you sing 'Give Me The Night' and he'll take you on a musical journey from Broadway back to a Breezin' night in Aruba. International dance sensation Mar-

quese Scott will set the festival on fire with his dazzling dance show after George Benson's set. George Benson and Marquese Scott make way for yet another international star – José James, winner of the Jazz Academy's "Best 2010 vo-



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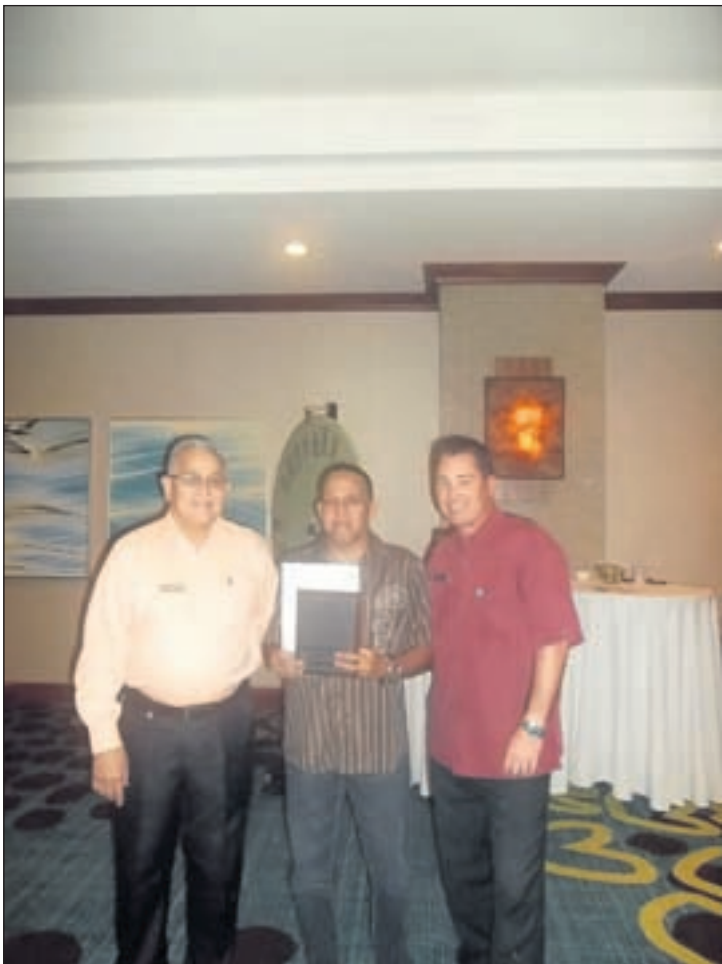
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cal jazz album". New York based singer José James blends jazz and hip-hop with R&B and electronica. His mesmerizing sound is truly unique and matches the relaxing Aruba ambiance perfectly. You'll find José James at the Padu stage, starting at 11 pm. In between the George Benson and Jose James performances the Colombian group Gualao gets you swinging to new rhythms based on contagious Afro Latin music and jazz. Don't miss the show of these talented and passionate 13 Colombian musicians at the Divi stage from 10:15 – 11:00 pm. Click here for a preview. A mix of self-composed soul, R&B, funk and hints of rock-pop is brought to you by Panamanian band Luci & the Soul Brokers, perform-

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Brand Champions for August honored at the Westin Resort



PALM BEACH – Recently, the Brand Champions of the Month for August for the Westin Resort & Casino, Aruba were announced during a special luncheon held in the resort's Grand Palm Beach Ballroom. Associates and management, there to show their support for the nominees representing the Heart of the House, the Front of the House, and the resort's Palm Beach Casino, attended the event.




All those nominated represent Westin's core values, and were tapped by management for their outstanding performances within their respective departments.

The following winners were announced:

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Americans hang on to take lead in Presidents Cup

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — The Americans survived a late rally Thursday and put the International team in a familiar hole at the Presidents Cup.

Steve Stricker blasted out of a plugged lie in the face of a bunker to 3 feet to save par as he and 20-year-old Jordan Spieth hung on for a 1-up win in the final match on the course at Muirfield Village. That win gave the Americans a 3½-2½ lead, the fourth straight time they have led after the opening session in the Presidents Cup.

The Presidents Cup at least was close for one day, and it was entertaining beyond the golf. Former president George W. Bush was on the first tee — not the greatest omen because he also met with the Americans



United States' Matt Kuchar, left, and Tiger Woods celebrate their 5 and 4 win over the International team's Angel Cabrera and Marc Leishman in a four-ball match at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.

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at Medinah before they coughed up the Ryder Cup — and Louis Oosthuizen and Charl Schwartzel made light of their bad haircuts by wearing wigs onto the tee. Assistant captain Davis Love III found a pet squirrel small enough to fit into his pocket, and Olympic ski champion Lindsey Vonn gave Tiger Woods a brief scare when she put the squirrel on his back. The Americans led in every match early in the session and were ahead in five of them when thunderstorms and a few bursts of rain stopped play for 1½ hours. None of the matches had gone more than 10 holes, though the delay at least gave the International team a sense of starting over.

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Minnesota Lynx's Lindsay Whalen drives past Seattle Storm's Temeka Johnson during the first half of a WNBA basketball playoff game in Tacoma, Wash. on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013.

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DOUG FEINBERG

AP Basketball Writer

Ever since the Minnesota Lynx lost in the WNBA finals last year, they've been focused on getting back there.

Now they are closing in on a second championship in three seasons, facing a team they swept two years ago to earn the franchise's first title.

Minnesota hosts the Atlanta Dream in Game 1 of the finals Sunday night.

"We're a very hungry, determined group of women," said Minnesota's Seimone Augustus. "All year we've talked about holding our goal and destiny in our hands. We have another chance at a title after not ending last season the way we wanted to."

WNBA finals

Minnesota Lynx face Atlanta Dream

Minnesota has looked nearly unbeatable thus far in the WNBA playoffs, sweeping all four of its games. The Lynx also posted the best record in the regular season (26-8).

One key to Minnesota's success has been the play of Maya Moore. She's coming off a career year and has raised her game in the playoffs, averaging 21.5 points. Against Phoenix in the deciding game of the Western Conference finals, she scored a career-playoff-best 27 points.

"She's matured and developed into a young leader," Lynx coach Cheryl Reeve said. "She's become much more efficient on the offensive side."

The Dream want to avoid losing in the finals for the third time in the past four

seasons. They were swept by Seattle in 2010 and Minnesota in 2011.

If Atlanta can't beat Minnesota, the Dream would become the second team in WNBA history to lose in the finals three times, joining the New York Liberty, who lost in three of the league's first four championships.

"We learned from our failures," said Angel McCoughtry, who leads the Dream with 19.5 points a game. "We know what it feels like to not win it, and we want to get over that hump this year and bring a championship to Atlanta." Atlanta got off to a fast start this season, winning 10 of its first 11 games before cooling off with eight losses in the next nine. The Dream lost the final four games of

the regular season and got blown out in Game 1 of their first-round playoff series against Washington.

But then it all clicked with two straight wins over Washington and a sweep of defending champion Indiana. "We had a long road streak there in July that tested us a lot," Atlanta coach Fred Williams said. "Down the stretch we wanted to get into postseason play when it's a different season. We stepped up after that first Washington loss."

The two teams split their regular-season matchups, each defending its home court. Atlanta has struggled on the road, winning just twice away from home since June 23.

Both of those wins came in the playoffs at Washington and Indiana. □

Djokovic beats Verdasco to reach Beijing quarters

BEIJING (AP) — Top-seeded Novak Djokovic and Serena Williams overcame tough challenges Thursday to reach the quarterfinals of the China Open.

Djokovic outlasted Fernando Verdasco of Spain 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 in a see-saw match while Williams saved three set points in the first set before beating Maria Kirilenko of Russia 7-5, 7-5.

Djokovic, who had lost his last two matches against Verdasco, won the first three games en route to taking the first set, but the Spaniard fought back in the second by breaking the top-ranked Serb in the third and seventh games. However, Djokovic again jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the decider and closed out the victory with ease. Djokovic will next take on American Sam Querrey, who upset sixth-seeded Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 6-3, 7-6 (2).

In the women's draw, Williams won her 70th match of the year and also improved her record to 8-0 against Kirilenko.

She had to work hard for this one, though. The unseeded Russian broke Williams to take a 5-4 lead in the first set, then held three set points on her serve before Williams recovered. Kirilenko also broke Williams in the second set and took a 4-2 lead before faltering down the stretch.

"I just thought, what else can I do except fight for this point and the next point," Williams said. "Maybe I got lucky a little bit — I just started to relax and kind of swing and not think about it too much out there. I'm obviously just really happy to get through this match today."

In another match, Serbia's Jelena Jankovic routed Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro 6-0, 6-0.



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns a shot to Fernando Verdasco of Spain during the China Open tennis tournament at the National Tennis Stadium in Beijing, China Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013.

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It was only the third "double bagel" of Jankovic's career, the last one coming against another Span-

iard, Virginia Ruano Pascual, in Beijing in 2007.

Third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland,

10th-seeded Roberta Vinci of Italy and unseeded Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic also advanced. □

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MLB Roundup

Rays beat Indians 4-0 in AL wild card game

TOM WITHERS

AP Sports Writer

CLEVELAND (AP) — The Tampa Bay Rays pitched their way to another must-win game on the road, beating the Cleveland Indians 4-0 on Wednesday in the American League wild-card playoff game.

Alex Cobb, who missed a chunk of the regular season after he was hit in the head by a line drive, quieted a thundering Cleveland crowd by keeping the Indians scoreless through seven innings on the mound.

Delmon Young homered in the third inning for the Rays, who were playing in their third city in the last four days. Tampa Bay advanced to face the AL East champion Boston Red Sox in the division series starting Friday.

Cobb's comeback in August from his frightening injury helped stabilize the Rays, who have spent the past two weeks winning crucial games to make the MLB playoffs for the fourth time in six years.

Cobb suffered a concussion on June 15 when he was struck in the right ear



The Tampa Bay Rays celebrate on the field after beating the Cleveland Indians 4-0 in the AL wild-card baseball game Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013, in Cleveland.

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by a ball hit by Kansas City's Eric Hosmer. On Tuesday, he recalled lying on his sofa and wondering if he would be able to help the Rays contend for a playoff spot. He didn't want a repeat of 2011, when he couldn't pitch in the playoffs after undergoing surgery to remove a blood clot in his ribs.

But not only did the 25-year-old Cobb go 5-1 after returning to the team, he finished 11-3 in 22 starts and manager Joe Maddon didn't hesitate giving him the ball for the wild-card game.

"Can't put into words the appreciation I have celebrating on this field," Cobb said. "I knew how close it

was to not coming back. Sitting on the couch watching these games, I knew we had a good chance. We have a great team. I was going to do everything I could to get back and be a part of it."

The road-tested Rays have traveled 3,627 miles since leaving home on Sept. 23. They won four of their last

six games of the regular season on the road at New York and Toronto, then defeated the Texas Rangers in the wild-card tiebreaker game on the road on Monday.

Against the Indians, the Rays took a 3-0 lead in the fourth on Desmond Jennings' two-run double.

Cobb was in trouble in the bottom of the inning as the Indians loaded the bases. But he got Asdrubal Cabrera to hit a grounder to first baseman Loney, who threw to second for a forced out, and short-stop Yunel Escobar fired to Cobb covering first for the double play.

The Indians threatened again in the fifth, putting two batters on with none out.

But Cobb struck out Michael Bourn, got Nick Swisher to ground to first and retired Jason Kipnis to keep it 3-0.

The Indians went from 94 losses a year ago to 92 wins under first-year manager Terry Francona and won their last 10 games to make the postseason for the first time since 2007. □

Presidents Cup

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"The break did us really good," Oosthuizen said. "We came back out, felt refreshed and just played well."

Jason Day and Graham DeLaet rallied from 3 down to Hunter Mahan and Brandt Snedeker, winning on the 18th hole when Day made a 20-foot birdie putt. In the best match of the day, Adam Scott and Hideki Matsuyama battled from 2 down to Bill Haas and Webb Simpson with five holes to play to earn a halve when the 21-year-old Japanese star hit his approach to 2 feet for birdie on the last hole.

Oosthuizen and Schwartzel gave Keegan Bradley and Phil Mickelson their first loss. The South Africans, best of friends since junior golf,

took their first lead on the 11th hole and didn't lose another hole until they had a 2-and-1 win.

The Internationals looked as if they might even pull even at the end of the day. Ernie Els made his first birdie of the round at just the right time, a 12-foot putt on the 17th hole that extended their match with Stricker and Spieth.

Spieth, who overcame a nervous start with several big putts, pulled his tee shot into the water on the 18th. Stricker's approach plugged into the bunker. Brendon De Jonge had a birdie chance from 18 feet, and it looked for a moment like even a par might win the hole and end the match in a halve. Stricker popped it out of the sand and watched it trickle to 3 feet as he lightly pumped his fist. De Jonge's putt missed and the Americans



United States team player Brandt Snedeker hits out of a bunker on the first hole during the four-ball match at the Presidents Cup golf tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, in Dublin, Ohio.

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had the lead.

The Presidents Cup began with fourballs for the first time since 1996, which should have favored the Internationals. Instead, the Americans won their first

fourballs session in 10 years, dating to the second day in South Africa.

Still, this was a moral victory for the International team. "What we showed today was plenty of heart," Scott

said. He said that a one-point deficit was not a problem. "We can make that up with the first match tomorrow." Muirfield Village was set up for birdies, and there were plenty of them. Ten of the 12 teams were at least 8-under par in their rounds. The exceptions were Angel Cabrera and Marc Leishman, who were only 3 under in the shortest match of the day. They lost, 5 and 4, to Woods and Matt Kuchar. The Americans used a handshake from "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," and they used it a lot. "That was definitely all me," Kuchar said. "That stems from 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.' I figured this guy was the perfect Carlton." Woods turned out to be a decent partner, too. Kuchar was his 19th partner in the Presidents Cup and Ryder Cup, and it was a solid debut. □

Red Wings top Sabres in NHL season opener

The Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) — Pavel Datyuk and Mikael Samuelsson scored 36 seconds apart midway through the first period as the Detroit Red Wings held on to beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1 Wednesday in the NHL season-opener for both teams. Detroit goalie Jimmy Howard turned the puck over, allowing Zemgus Girgensons to score in his NHL debut with 7:24 left in the game. Howard tried to clear the puck from behind his net, but it hit Buffalo's Brian Flynn and popped over the net to set up Girgensons' backhand shot that pulled the Sabres within a goal.

Howard made 19 saves in Detroit's debut in the Eastern Conference after moving from the West in the off-season.

Buffalo had a two-man power play for 1:31 early in the first period and for 51 seconds late in the second, but couldn't take advantage. In between those

5-on-3 opportunities, the Sabres were held scoreless on three power plays.

Ryan Miller gave up goals on the fifth and sixth shots he faced and finished with 32 saves.

MAPLE LEAFS 3, FLYERS 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Dave Bolland scored twice and Phil Kessel added a goal to lead Toronto over Philadelphia.

The Maple Leafs, off to a 2-0 start, spoiled Philadelphia's season opener one night after ruining Montreal's.

Jonathan Bernier stopped 31 shots for the Maple Leafs. Toronto acquired Bolland and Bernier in the offseason to bolster their bid to make a run in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Kessel, on his 26th birthday, scored one day after he signed a \$64 million, eight-year extension.

The Flyers wasted a fantastic chance to go ahead when Wayne Simmonds was easily stopped on a



Toronto Maple Leafs' Nikolai Kulemin, left, of Russia, collides with Philadelphia Flyers' Maxime Talbot during the first period of an NHL hockey game on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2013, in Philadelphia.

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penalty shot by Bernier with 3.1 seconds left in the second period.

AVALANCHE 6, DUCKS 1

DENVER (AP) — Semyon Varlamov made 35 saves and Jamie McGinn scored two goals to lead Colorado over Anaheim in Patrick

Roy's successful coaching debut with the Avalanche. Ryan O'Reilly, John Mitchell, Matt Duchene and Steve Downie added goals for the Avalanche. Alex Tanguay, back with Colorado for the first time since the 2005-06 season, had

three assists.

Varlamov lost his bid for a shutout in the closing seconds when Jakob Silfverberg slipped a shot by him. Viktor Fasth struggled for Anaheim, allowing three goals in the second period. □

Army, Navy and Air Force football on this weekend

DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE (AP) — Football is on for Army, Navy and Air Force this weekend although some other service academy sports are still suspended because of the government shutdown.

The Defense Department said Thursday everything was on hold at Navy through Sunday except for Saturday's football game against Air Force. According to Navy's website, 19 weekend events were either postponed or canceled.

Navy and Air Force received the go-ahead to play football because the game is not funded by the government. A sellout crowd is expected.

"We're just grateful that the Department of Defense is allowing us to move forward," Navy athletic director Chet Gladchuk said. "Speaking on behalf of the athletic department, the fans and the majority of Annapolis, this is a huge relief

that we're able to play."

Army will play its game at Boston College.

Service academy football games are paid for with nonappropriated funds and have been long planned. Such funds generally come from outside sources and are not approved through Congress. Gladchuk said his department assured the Pentagon that no government money will be spent on any aspect of the game.

"We provided them with extensive and detailed information to help them justify their decision," Gladchuk said.

Gladchuk said a Navy home game typically brings in about \$4 million from tickets, sponsorship, television and radio rights fees and other revenues such as parking and concessions.

Football revenue funds Navy's 32 other sports teams. Saturday's game is particularly important because it will help decide the win-



In this Sept. 7, 2013, file photo, from left, Navy's Marcus Thomas (26), Evan Palelei (58) and Wave Ryder (8) head onto the field at the start of an NCAA college football game against Indiana in Bloomington, Ind.

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ner of the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy, awarded annually to the service academy with the best record in games involving Air Force, Navy and Army. The winner of the last 13 Navy-Air Force games has gone on to win the coveted trophy.

"It never entered their minds it wouldn't be played," Gladchuk said. "But obviously, the final announcement came as a

relief and erased the shadow of uncertainty."

The service academies have played before during a government shutdown. The Midshipmen played at Air Force in 1990 under similar circumstances and hosted Tulane in November 1995 during a seven-day shutdown.

It's unclear if the service academies' games could still be in jeopardy beyond this weekend.

Army plays at home against Eastern Michigan on Oct. 12 and Navy plays at Duke on the same day. Both of those schools are independents in football. Air Force moves back into Mountain West Conference play on Oct. 10, with a home game against San Diego State.

"This could get really deep and complicated really quickly," MWC Commissioner Craig Thompson said. Thompson said a conference call is scheduled with the league membership on Monday and if the shutdown has not been resolved they will discuss how to proceed with Air Force's ability to play games uncertain.

"Notre Dame, which is scheduled to play at Air Force on Oct. 26 and host Navy a week later, has been in contact with both military academies to try to make sure both games will go on, coach Brian Kelly said Thursday after practice. □

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NBA set for ambitious international schedule

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — David Stern is soon on his way to the Philippines and Taiwan. After that, it's off to Beijing and Shanghai.

His final months as commissioner are the NBA's boldest yet when it comes to playing internationally, and he thinks bringing the league around the globe will remain important long after he's left office in February.

"Numerically, without question, to have 10 games this season, it's our most ambitious," Stern said of the schedule that begins this weekend.

"It's really just a continued statement to our international audience of our attempts to play games in their time zones and to demonstrate that we think it's a global game and we appreciate their support and interest."

There will be 12 teams playing outside the U.S. and Canada, the most ever, and the league will play regular-season games in two countries beyond those for the first time.

There are stops in old standbys and first-time trips to cities in Brazil and Spain that will be hosting major international competitions in the next few years.

International growth, long a passion of Stern's, has become something much more: It's mandatory.

"If you listen to Coca-Cola or GE or the great brands — Samsung, Sony, Apple — increasingly more and more of their revenues and profits are going to come from outside the United States. The numbers make it clear, because there are 300-plus million people in the U.S. and we're approaching 7 billion outside



NBA commissioner David Stern applauds during a press conference Wednesday Sept. 25, 2013, in New York, announcing the selection of the city to host the NBA All-Star game in 2015. The 64th NBA All-Star game is scheduled to be played at New York's Madison Square Garden Sunday Feb. 15, 2015 with Friday and Saturday night events being held at the Barclays Center in the Brooklyn borough of New York.

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the U.S.," Stern said in a phone interview.

"And so looking at every enterprise that's doing business, communicating with consumers and the like, I have seen international as a growth opportunity that will continue literally for decades, and our sport is one that crosses borders, along with soccer, in a wonderful way. And we have just scratched the surface."

The schedule opens Saturday with Oklahoma City playing Turkey's Fenerbahce Ulker in Istanbul, where Kevin Durant was MVP of the world basketball championship in 2010. Philadelphia plays the next

day at Bilbao, Spain, a host site for next summer's re-named World Cup of Basketball.

The Thunder then meet the 76ers on Oct. 8 in Manchester, England, before Indiana and Houston face each other in the Philippines and Taiwan — the latter the home country of Rockets guard Jeremy Lin's parents.

"I have no idea what to expect," Lin said. "It's a pre-season game, so you never really know what's going to happen in terms of the plan or minutes or whatever. But I just know it's going to be two games against a really good team and

the opportunity to work on some stuff. Hopefully give the fans across the world something to cheer about and a fun event to attend." The Lakers and Warriors play twice in China, and Chicago faces Washington in Rio de Janeiro. The games that count include San Antonio against Minnesota in Mexico City in December, followed by Atlanta playing Brooklyn in London in January.

Every location has a reason. Turkey is one of the league's largest social media markets. Stern said the Philippines is a top-three basketball market with a new arena in Manila. Rio is

host of the 2016 Olympics, and building toward that, the league now has about 20 employees working on Latin America.

The NBA played its first international game when Washington visited Maccabi Tel Aviv in Israel in 1978, six years before Stern became commissioner. By the time he leaves, the league will have played nearly 150 of them, including 18 in the regular season.

He often talked of more, possibly putting NBA teams in Europe, though anything like that would have to wait until long after Adam Silver has replaced him. But Stern said there's more than just playing games, citing everything from clinics the league conducts to the many trips players take on behalf of their sneaker companies or other business partners.

"So every aspect of what we do will be growing," Stern said, "and at the same time the conversation about whether we might someday have a division in Europe, or will there be NBA-branded or sponsored leagues in Asia or Latin America, all are interesting and good subjects for conversation and strategizing. But at the core, our business will continue to grow on a global basis." □





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Apple exec hopes to get iTunes Radio international

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AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Top Apple executive Eddy Cue says he's "very pleased" with the initial rollout of iTunes Radio and hopes to have it running internationally as soon as possible. "One of our top priorities is to bring iTunes Radio obviously here in the U.K. but everywhere in the world," Cue said last week in an interview from London. "We certainly want to be in more than 100 countries." Apple launched its music streaming service late last month as part of an update to its iOS 7 operating

system. Though a late entrant into the Internet radio service, in just its first week, it had 11 million users.

"We were very pleased, very pleased with the initial results," said Cue, senior vice president of Internet Software and Services.

In comparison, Pandora, the biggest online radio network, has 72 million listeners, while Spotify has 24 million. Both Spotify and Pandora are also available as an app on iPhones, while all new iPhone models come with iTunes Radio and some older models can update their systems to have iTunes Radio.

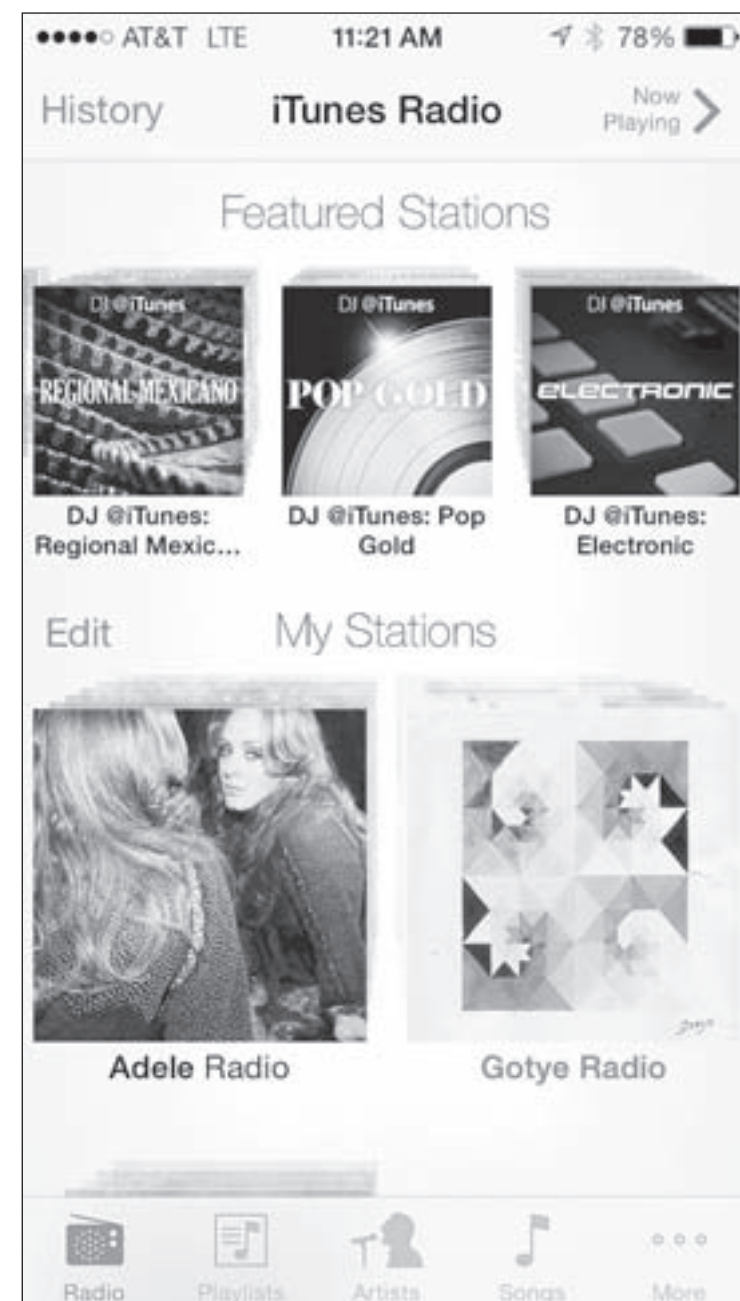
Cue says there's enough room for everyone, but adds: "We want to be the best." Its service has gotten some mixed reviews, but Cue believes it stands out because Apple has been able to create a better match of songs that listeners like.

"That's a lot of the feedback that I've seen both that people have written about and certainly the emails," he said. "It's the quality of the stations," he said. "The question — and what the ability that we have that I felt was unique ... that we could have a radio station that played songs that you would really like."

Cue spoke as iTunes was wrapping up its annual festival in London, which saw Justin Timberlake, Lady Gaga, Katy Perry, Elton John and a host of others perform for the entire month of September at the Roundhouse Theatre. Fans worldwide could see the performances streamed live on an app designed for the festival and that were later available for purchase.

Cue said he'd like to see the festival expand its reach but keep its intimate setting at the Roundhouse, which holds about 3,000 people.

"We've had a lot of requests from places to take it bigger, but this I really



This screenshot of an iPhone 5, Friday, Sept. 20 2013, shows the iTunes Radio app. The iTunes Radio app comes with new iPhones and the free iOS 7 update.

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Rdio launches free listening on mobile devices

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Digital music service Rdio (AR'-dee-oh) is launching its free Internet radio service in the U.S., Canada and Australia on Thursday.

The move capitalizes on Rdio's tie-up with traditional radio station owner Cumulus Media and helps it compete with digital rivals Pandora and Spotify.

For now, the app that works on Apple and Android devices won't play ads between the songs that are randomly picked based on genres, artists, songs or albums. The company hopes nonpaying listeners will sign up for a subscription that adds features like the ability to pick and choose exact songs and albums.

On the Web, Rdio's radio player will have ads that are sold by Cumulus Media Inc.

Cumulus announced it was taking a stake in Rdio parent Pulser Media last month. □

believe is perfect," he said. "If you wanna see some of these stars in ... bigger

arenas, there are definitely plenty of opportunities to do that." □

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Instagram to start showing advertisements

NEW YORK (AP) — Instagram, the mobile photo-sharing app owned by Facebook Inc., says it will start showing "occasional" photo and video advertisements in the coming months.

It's Instagram's first step toward making money. While

users can already follow brands and businesses, part of the app's appeal has been its simplicity and, for some, a lack of advertisements. To ease users into seeing ads, the company said in a blog post Thursday that it will focus on showing "a small number" of "high-

quality photos and videos" from a handful of brands. Facebook bought Instagram last fall for \$715.3 million, \$300 million of it in cash and the rest in stock. The app has more than 150 million users and is especially popular with teenagers and young adults. □

Stocks fall on third day of US govt shutdown

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors sold stocks across the board Thursday as a U.S. government shutdown dragged into a third day and the nation inched toward a deadline on raising its borrowing limit.

The Institute of Supply Management said that sales fell sharply, new orders dipped and hiring weakened at U.S. service companies. The report covers industries including retail, construction, health care and financial services. On Wall Street, the Dow

eral budget would fail. If the shutdown persists, the weak economic recovery could falter. Republicans in the House of Representatives, pushed by a core of tea party conservatives, are insisting that Obama accept changes to the health care law

credit markets to freeze, the value of the dollar to plummet and U.S. interest rates to skyrocket, according to the Treasury report. A default "would be so catastrophic and such a self-inflicted wound that you can't imagine we would let it happen," said Maury Fertig, chief investment officer of Relative Value Partners. "But the fact is that every day we get closer to it the possibility increases, even though it's remote."

Stocks pared some of their losses in afternoon trading after the New York Times reported that the Republican House Speaker John Boehner had told his party that wouldn't let the nation default. Lawmakers must periodically raise the nation's borrowing limit to keep U.S. funds flowing, but the once-routine matter has become a bargaining chip in battles over the federal budget deficit. Failure to raise the limit could cause the U.S. to miss payments on its debt.

Stocks also dipped briefly in afternoon trading on news that shots had been fired at the Capitol.

Defense companies, which rely on government contracts for much of their revenue, fell. Lockheed Martin dropped \$2.25, or 1.8 percent, to \$122.80. The stock has fallen 5.4 percent in the last five trading days. Despite the slump during the last two weeks, stocks are still close to the record levels they reached last month. The S&P 500 is up 17 percent so far this year, having climbed as much as 21 percent by Sept. 18.

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US jobless aid applications tick up to 308K

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits rose just 1,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 308,000, hovering near six-year lows. Companies are still cutting very few jobs, however the decline in layoffs has not been accompanied by a pickup in hiring.

The less volatile four-week average for applications fell to 305,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. That's the lowest since May 2007, seven months before the recession began.

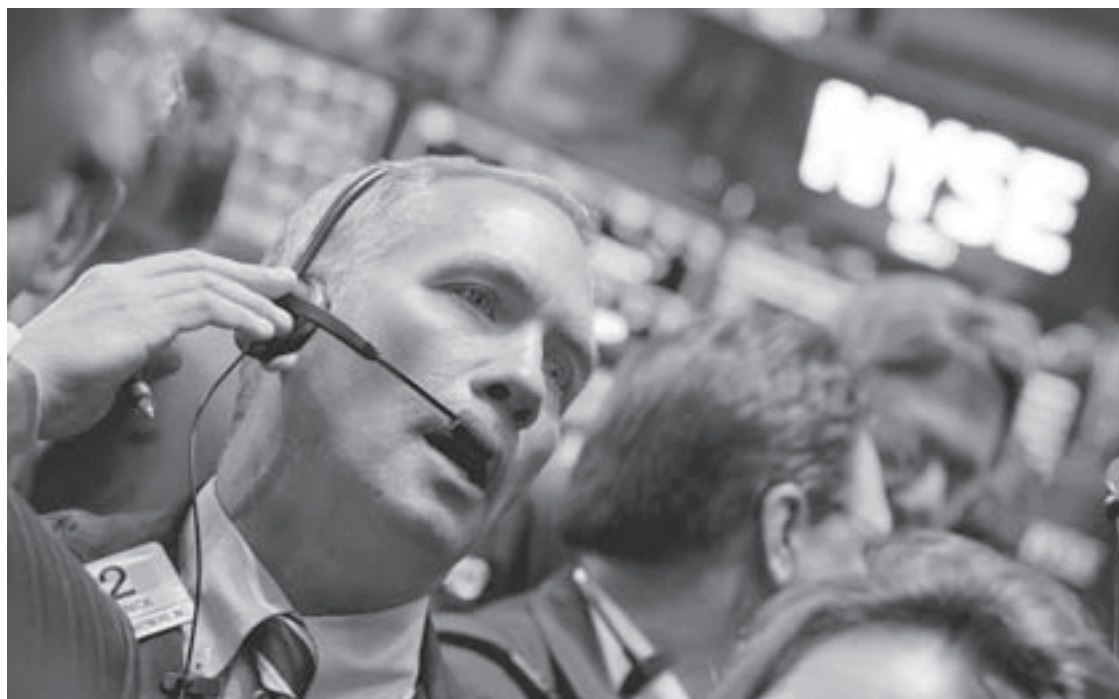
Weekly applications could increase next week because of the partial government shutdown. Defense contractors and other companies that do business with the government may temporarily lay off workers. Federal workers who are temporarily laid off may also file for benefits, though their numbers are reported separately and published a week later than the other applications.

Still, the broader trend has been encouraging. Applications, which are a proxy for layoffs, have fallen steadily in the past three months as many companies have stopped laying off workers. That suggests more employers are confident enough in the economy to maintain their existing staffs.

Steady declines in applications are typically followed by more hiring. But that hasn't happened. Instead, job gains have slowed in recent months.

"Companies were not laying off workers ahead of the shutdown but they probably weren't hiring much, either," Jennifer Lee, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said.

Employers have added an average of just 155,000 jobs a month in the four months through August, according to government data. That's down from an average of 205,000 for the first four months of the year. □



Trader Timothy Nick works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market fell on the third day of a government shutdown as the nation inched closer to a deadline on raising its borrowing limit.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

The Dow Jones industrial average fell close to 200 points by late morning — before recovering somewhat later in the day — as Republicans and Democrats appeared no closer to ending the budget impasse. In speech President Barack Obama said there was only one way out of the shutdown: "Congress has to pass a budget that funds our government with no partisan strings attached."

Investors also got some disappointing economic news on Thursday.

ended down 136.66 points, or 0.9 percent, to 14,996.48, its biggest decline since Sept. 20. It was down as much as 186 earlier.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 15.21 points, or 0.9 percent, to 1,678.66. The Nasdaq composite fell 40.68 points, or 1.1 percent, to 3,774.34.

The stock market losses on Thursday marked an acceleration of gradual declines over the last two weeks. Stocks have fallen eight of the last 10 days as investors anticipated that negotiations over the fed-

he pushed through three years ago as part of a budget bill. Obama refuses to consider any deal linking the health care law to routine legislation needed to extend government funding.

The U.S. Treasury Department said Thursday that the economy could plunge into a downturn worse than the Great Recession if Congress failed to raise the debt ceiling and the country defaulted on its debt obligations.

The U.S. missing a debt payment could cause

Tesla shares fall further on Model S fire

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TOM KRISHER
Associated Press

Shares of Tesla Motors fell another 5 percent Thursday as investors in the high-flying company assessed the fallout from a fire in one of its \$70,000 electric cars.

The fire began in the car's battery after the driver hit metal debris. Firefighters

extinguished the flames and no one was hurt.

Tesla says it's the first fire in one of its cars. Experts say electric car fires are rare, and consumers should still consider buying them.

But the sight of flames engulfing the front end of a Model S on the side of a highway in the Seattle-area has been a jolt to inves-

tors. Tesla has been a Wall Street darling this year, selling more cars than expected and posting its first-ever profit. Shares fell 6 percent Wednesday as video of the fire surfaced. The shares were down \$8.75, or 4.8 percent, to \$172.20 in afternoon trading Thursday. At that price, Tesla's market value has dropped about

\$2.5 billion in the past two days. Still, if an investor purchased a share of Tesla at \$35 on Jan. 2, they're sitting on a gain of more than 400 percent for the year.

Deutsche Bank analyst Rod Lache told investors Thursday that he views the fire as an isolated incident and still expects Tesla shares to reach \$200. □

With no US jobs report, what's an economist to do?

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SCOTT MAYEROWITZ
AP Business Writers**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The latest victims of the U.S. government's partial shut-down: policy wonks, politicians and TV talking heads who are losing their monthly opportunity to dissect the jobs report issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The ritual unfolds every month: The jobs report comes out, and Wall Street panics or exults. Political advocates spin. And economic analysts crowd cable-TV to offer us their insights.

It happens the first Friday of the month at 8:30 a.m. Eastern time (1230 GMT). Except this Friday.

The government's partial shutdown means the September jobs report is being postponed. The workers who produce it aren't deemed "essential," which is why they're among the 800,000 federal employees being furloughed.

They aren't doctors treating wounded soldiers at military hospitals or air traffic controllers ensuring that planes take off and land safely.

They're statisticians.

Yet for a subculture of Americans whose professional lives are tied to the monthly jobs report, its absence may be disorienting. "Economists and journalists will have some withdrawal pains," suggests Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics and a fixture on cable-TV gab-fests after the jobs reports are released.

Diane Swonk, chief economist at Mesirow Financial and another regular television presence on the morning of the jobs reports, jokes that she won't have to get up so early Friday. Yet she'll feel the loss.

The jobs report is a "flashlight into the dense forest of global economic information," Swonk says. "We've turned the flashlight off."

Wall Street traders whose computers are normally primed to spring into action milliseconds after the report is issued will have to manage without it.

"Most investors I talk to are taking a wait-and-see attitude," says Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at BMO Private Bank. "I don't

"The economic data everybody looks at all month long leads up to a day like Friday," says Jonathan D. Corpina, senior managing



Diane Swonk, center right, chief economist and senior managing director of Mesirow Financial, is interviewed on a CNBC television set at Grand Teton National Park near Jackson Hole, Wyo. The Labor Department says it will not release the highly anticipated September jobs report on Friday because the government remains shuttered. Swonk says "The jobs report is a flashlight into the dense forest of global economic information.. We've turned the flashlight off."

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

think anybody is crying in their beer."

Wall Street bases its buy-and-sell decisions on countless data — from economic growth in the United States and abroad to corporate profits, manufacturing output and home sales. But the jobs report tends to occupy center stage. Job growth drives consumer spending, which fuels most of the U.S. economy.

partner at Meridian Equity Partners. "Without having that core ingredient to your economic calendar, the dish really isn't going to be done."

So can stock analysts just take Friday off?

Joel Naroff of Naroff Economic Advisors in Pennsylvania, mused, half-seriously, that he might as well head to his weekend place on the Jersey shore.

"Employment Fridays are always an incredibly busy time for me," Naroff says. "This one is going to be strangely quiet."

What will the cable financial news outlets, from CNBC to Bloomberg to Fox Business News, do Friday morning with no jobs report?

CNBC issued a statement saying it's "still planning a big show on Friday" focused on the uncertainty from the shutdown and the "incomplete picture on where the jobs market currently stands."

Friday's report was expected to show that the economy added 180,000 jobs in September, slightly more than the modest 169,000 in August. The unemployment rate was expected to remain at a still-high 7.3 percent.

Without the jobs data, it isn't only Wall Street that will have to act without its usual information. The Federal Reserve will almost surely put off any move to slow its bond purchases when it meets later this month. The purchases have been designed to keep long-term borrowing rates low.

A resolution of the shutdown would allow the government to eventually release the September jobs

report. But Naroff is already worried about the October jobs report, set for release in early November. A prolonged shutdown would bar the government from doing the necessary surveys on hiring and employment.

"Do they do it a week late?" Naroff says. "Do they just not do it? I don't know."

Zandi says he'll grow alarmed only if a prolonged shutdown shuts off the flow of economic data for weeks. No one would know precisely how the economy is reacting to Washington's political standoff.

Still, important as the jobs report is, some find its coverage on cable TV to be overkill. Barry Ritholtz, chief investment officer at Ritholtz Wealth Management, calls it "the single most overanalyzed, overwrought, overemphasized data point in finance."

Ritholtz notes that each month's job figure is later revised twice, sometimes sharply.

Regardless, Zandi plans to be exactly where he is on every other first Friday of the month: speaking on a panel of experts on CNBC. "There's always something to talk about," he says. □

Holiday shopping is expected to be up ... unless

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P Retail Writer**

NEW YORK (AP) — Americans, who're increasingly optimistic about improving economic conditions, are expected to spend at a more rapid clip during the upcoming holiday shopping season than they did last year.

But that could change if the partial government shutdown that has forced about 800,000 federal workers off the job continues and causes shoppers to lose confidence in the economy.

The National Retail Federation, the largest U.S. retail trade group, is expected to release Thursday a forecast that sales in November and December will rise 3.9 percent to \$602.1 billion. That's above the 3.5

percent increase a year ago and the 10-year average in holiday sales growth of 3.3 percent.



A retail store at the CambridgeSide Galleria mall in Cambridge, Mass., advertises holiday sale. The National Retail Federation, the nation's largest retail trade group, said Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, that it expects sales during the winter holiday shopping period in November and December to rise 4.1 percent this year.

(AP Photo/Michael Dwyer)

But Matthew Shay, the group's president and CEO, said in an interview with The Associated Press

failed to pass a spending bill by Monday's midnight deadline.

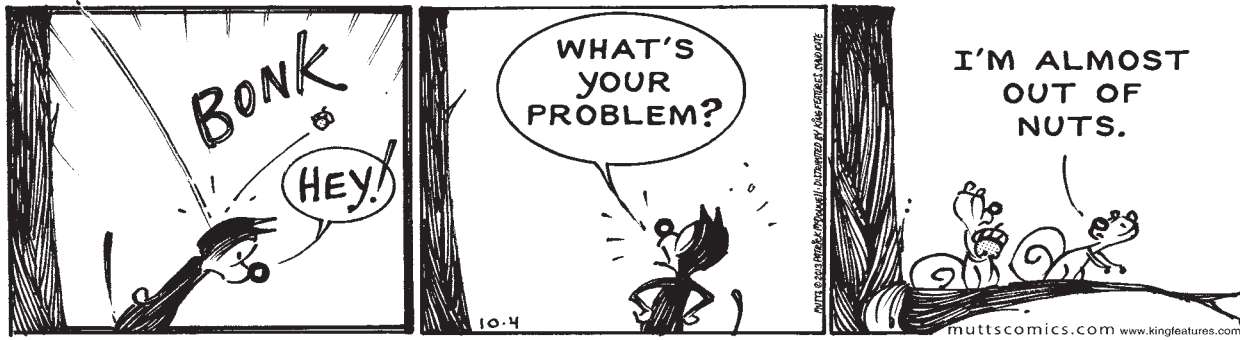
In addition to the furlough

of hundreds of thousands of workers, that resulted in the shuttering of national parks and halting of a range of government services. Shay said the group's forecast does not account for the possibility that the shutdown, now in its third day, could go on for a prolonged period of time that he defines as two weeks or more.

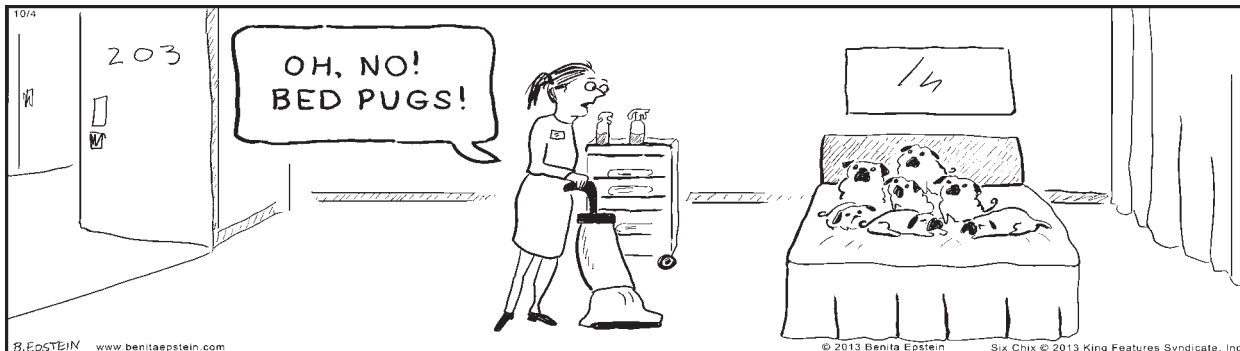
But it does factor in the optimism Americans feel as jobs have become easier to get and the housing recovery has gained momentum.

"What we are trying to balance here is the underlying fundamentals with the economy, which seem strong, against all that consumer unease and the uncertainty coming from Washington," Shay said. □

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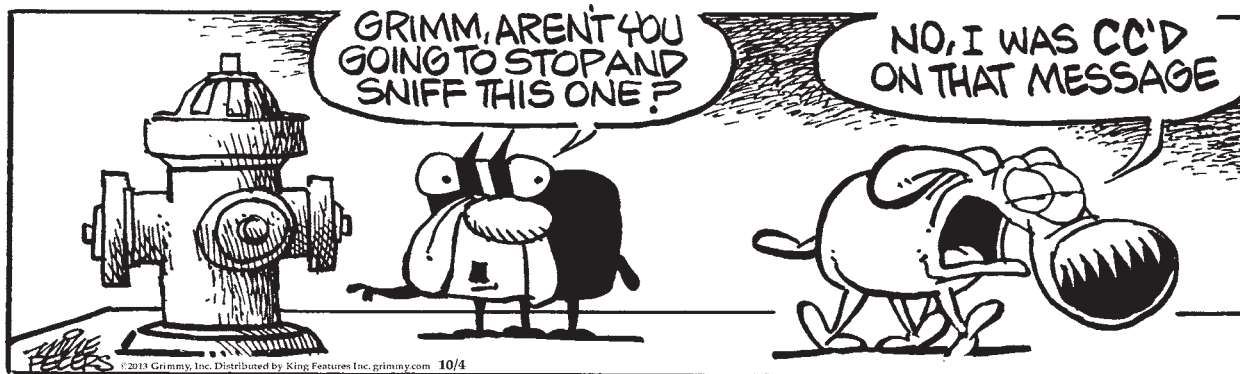
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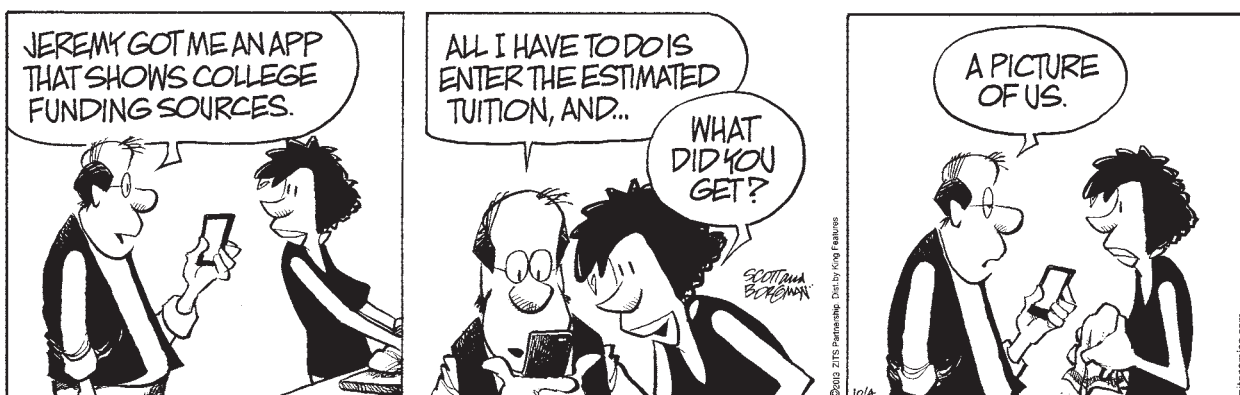
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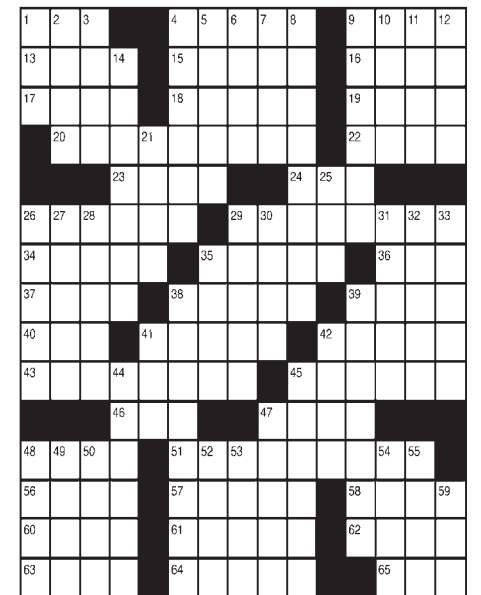
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- 1 ___ up with; tolerate
- 4 Zeal
- 9 Ailing
- 13 Letters asking for promptness
- 15 Depart
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- 17 ___ down the river; betray
- 18 Microsoft's Bill
- 19 Doe's mate
- 20 Underarm spray or roll-on
- 22 Keep ___ on; watch closely
- 23 Garden crawler
- 24 Hairy as an ___
- 26 Try hard
- 29 Endeavors
- 34 Huge lifting machine
- 35 Derisive look
- 36 Curved edge
- 37 Ladder step
- 38 Summoned with a beeper
- 39 Windy day toy
- 40 Play division
- 41 ___ one's trade; works diligently
- 42 Caff   ___; order at Starbucks
- 43 Soldier's dining room
- 45 ___ on; observer
- 46 ___-tac-toe
- 47 Yellowish wood
- 48 Chauffeur-driven car
- 51 Helping
- 56 Eden resident
- 57 Reddish horses
- 58 Black-___ peas
- 60 Cut with shears
- 61 Funeral song
- 62 Rise up
- 63 Griffey Sr., and Griffey Jr.
- 64 More deceitful
- 65 Put forth effort



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Thursday's Puzzle Solved

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- 3 Story
- 4 Clinton's VP
- 5 Equip with fresh weapons
- 6 Facts & figures
- 7 Kiln
- 8 Said again
- 9 Solar ___; sun and planets
- 10 Smidgen
- 11 Cancer the ___; Zodiac sign
- 12 Beer barrels
- 14 Working the soil
- 21 Bird of peace
- 25 ___ person; each
- 26 "Beat it!"
- 27 Cease-fire
- 28 Tirades
- 29 Heavenly harpist
- 30 ___ off; annoys
- 31 Poke with a pin
- 32 Donate to one's church
- 33 Vilify by speaking ill of

DOWN

- 1 Faux ___; social blunder
- 2 Secondhand

- 35 Spinnaker or jib
- 38 Posters
- 39 More eccentric
- 41 Sorority letter
- 42 Ditch around a castle
- 44 ___ on; crushes underfoot
- 45 Smaller
- 47 Slight coloring
- 48 Have none of
- 49 Out of work
- 50 Primary
- 52 Make dirty
- 53 Indian robe
- 54 Russian refusal
- 55 Equipment
- 59 Moistureless

Budget impasse disrupts bonus day at the beach

LISA W. FODERARO

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NEW YORK - The air was warm, with just the right amount of breeze. The waves flashed translucent green before breaking on the beach at Jacob Riis Park in Queens.

And there was not a cloud in sight. In other words, it was a perfect beach day, and despite the calendar, a rare opportunity to sneak in some sand and surf be-

They arrived with all the essentials: a surfboard, a couple of towels and a picnic lunch of bread, prosciutto and mozzarella. It had not occurred to them that the impasse in Washington might trickle down to their favorite strip of sand.

"I didn't really make the connection," Scharf said. "It's madness."

Other holdouts were puzzled over the decision to close Jacob Riis in par-

the of Gateway National Recreation Area, which manages Jacob Riis Park, as well as Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge in Queens and Sandy Hook in New Jersey.

But the press office was closed. "Because of the federal government shutdown, I have been furloughed," a Gateway spokeswoman, Daphne Yun, announced on her voice mail greeting. "I cannot check for messages until the government reopens."

Some people who set out to savor the day ran into more than one roadblock because of the shutdown. Linda Vincenti, a recent college graduate from Middle Village, Queens, first tried to visit the nearby Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge with her 75-year-old grandmother, Marcia Castro. □



Malia Scharf and her boyfriend, Lucas McGowen, on the sand at Jacob Riis Park, despite the closing of the beach because of the government shutdown, in New York, Oct. 2, 2013. Feeling the effects of the federal government shutdown, unsuspecting beachgoers at Jacob Riis Park in Queens were turned away on Wednesday.

(Todd Heisler/The New York Times)

fore the leaves start to fall. There was just one problem. Because of the federal government shutdown, the beach, which is run by the National Park Service, was officially closed Wednesday. In the late morning, a park police officer began waving a steady stream of cars away from the parking lot, on the western end of the Rockaway Peninsula. Those who had already secured a spot were warned that they could be given a ticket.

Malia Scharf, an actress and filmmaker from Brooklyn, and her boyfriend, Lucas McGowen, also a filmmaker, took their chances.

ticular. The beach is open year-round, but after Labor Day there are no lifeguards on duty and the bathrooms are closed. "It doesn't make any sense," said Ronald Lewis, a retired state employee from Brooklyn, who pulled his car into a makeshift parking lot after the police officer left his post.

"I think they just want to remind us that the government has shut down, in case we forgot."

Before leaving, the police officer erected a large sign that read "Park Closed Due to Government Shutdown: Do Not Enter." He referred all inquiries to the press of-

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Scientists to explore Caribbean faults, volcanoes

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The man whose re-

search team discovered the Titanic shipwreck is now leading a mission to investigate major faults and underwater volcanoes in the northern and eastern Caribbean to collect information that could help manage natural disasters.

Robert Ballard is overseeing 31 scientists who will set out Friday using remotely operated vehicles to explore the Septentrional and other faults and underwater formations around Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the eastern Caribbean islands of Dominica and Montserrat.

The Septentrional fault lies along the border of the Caribbean and North American tectonic plates. "It's a pretty serious thing we're looking at ... The Puerto Rico trench can



Oceanographer Dwight Coleman talks with reporters during a guided tour on the exploration vessel, the Nautilus, in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013.

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generate very large and powerful earthquakes," Ballard told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Connecticut.

The first part of the expedi-

tion will focus on Puerto Rico's north coast, where an October 1918 earthquake of magnitude 7.2 killed 116 people and unleashed a tsunami. The researchers

will explore an underwater landslide that they believe triggered the tsunami with 20-foot (6-meter) waves.

They also will use the vehicles to dive the Mona Rift

that plunges to depths of 13,000 feet (4,000 meters) and analyze several faults, including the Septentrional, which ends in what scientists say is an unusual circular depression not seen in any other major strike-slip fault in the world.

"I've never seen something that ends so strangely," said Uri ten Brink, a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey who is participating in the mission. "It's a little hole in the ground."

Ten Brink said it's the first time scientists will explore a portion of the Septentrional fault up close, noting that such research is expensive and complex.

"We really don't know what's down there in terms of how the fault looks," he said. The information collected will help seismologists understand what's happening along those faults and help them manage future natural disasters, said Dwight Coleman, oceanographer and leader of the expedition focusing on Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Scientists also will study the organisms and seafloor of the Mona Passage, which lies between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic and is one of several spots where Atlantic waters circulate into the Caribbean, becoming warmer and saltier.

The 211-foot (64-meter) exploration vessel, the Nautilus, will then travel to the neighboring U.S. Virgin Islands to try to pinpoint the origin of an October 1867 earthquake of magnitude 7.5 that unleashed tsunamis that struck St. Thomas and St. Croix.

It then goes on to the eastern Caribbean islands of Montserrat and Dominica, which have had big volcanic eruptions.

Remotely operated vehicles also will probe unexplored submarine volcanoes and determine if they are active, as well as map an active underwater volcano just north of Grenada named Kick 'em Jenny that hasn't been explored in the past 10 years.

60 possible new species found in Suriname forest

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Braving perilous river rapids in Suriname's rainforest, international scientists found six frogs and 11 fish that are among 60 creatures that may be new species, a tropical ecologist with a U.S.-based conservation group said Thursday.

Trond Larsen, with the non-profit research and advocacy organization Conservation International, said in a phone interview that the team catalogued creatures and studied freshwater resources during a three-week expedition in pristine forest of southeast Suriname near the border with Brazil.

The upper Palumeu River watershed is among the world's most remote and unexplored rainforests, the Arlington, Virginia-based group said. It has worked for years in Suriname, a sparsely populated country of 63,000 square miles (162, 265 square kilometers) on the north shoulder



In this handout photo released by Conservation International on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013, a sleek chocolate-colored frog dubbed the "cocoa frog," that may be new to science, is seen in Suriname.

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of South America.

The creatures that could be new to science include a brown tree frog dubbed the "cocoa frog" and a type of poison dart frog, which secretes powerful toxins employed by local people for hunting.

"Given the rate at which so many populations of frogs are declining and disappearing around the world, it's pretty exciting to be discovering new species,"

Larsen said. Scientists also catalogued a potentially new type of colorful tetra fish, an unusually pigmented catfish and nine other types of fish after dragging nets through waterways. A 2.3 millimeter (less than an inch) reddish dung beetle that may be the second smallest one in South America was among apparently previously unknown kinds of insects found.

The research team collect-

ed data on 1,378 species of plants, birds, mammals, insects, fish and amphibians. The scientists were supported by 30 indigenous men who helped negotiate supply-laden boats through raging rivers and guided them through the forests.

Suriname, a Dutch colony until the 1970s, has made great efforts to protect its rainforests. In 1998, the government created the roughly 4 million-acre (1.6 million-hectare) Central Suriname Nature Reserve, setting aside some 10 percent of the country.

But thousands of illegal miners, many of them Brazilian, have also long worked throughout the interior, contaminating rivers in some areas with mercury used to separate gold from ore. Researchers found high quality water conditions in the region they studied, but some of their samples had mercury above safe levels for drinking even though there was apparently no upstream mining. Larsen said he believes the mercury is blowing in from mining and industrial activities in neighboring nations.



In this theater publicity image released by The Publicity Office, Nina Arianda, left, and Wes Bentley are shown in a scene from David Ives' "Venus in Fur," playing off-Broadway at the Classic Stage Company in New York.

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'Venus in Fur' becomes most produced work

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NEW YORK (AP) — David Ives' naughty "Venus in Fur" tops the list of most produced plays in the U.S. during the 2013-14 season, according to the theater industry's largest trade group.

American Theatre magazine, published by Theatre Communications Group, announced the list in its October issue.

Ives' play, which explores power and powerlessness with more than a bit of sadomasochism, was a hit on Broadway and won Nina

Arianda a Tony last year. Twenty-two theaters will produce "Venus in Fur" this season.

The Top 10 also includes Bruce Norris' "Clybourne Park," Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop," David Lindsay-Abaire's "Good People," Jon Robin Baitz's "Other Desert Cities," Amy Herzog's "4000 Miles" and Christopher Durang's "Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike."

The list was compiled from 499 member theaters and omits holiday themed shows and Shakespeare works. □

NBC show will send someone into space

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NEW YORK (AP) — NBC is planning a competition show with a grand prize that's out of this world: a ride into space.

The network said Thursday it is teaming with Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic and veteran TV producer Mark Burnett on "Space Race," a competition where the winner gets a ride on the space liner that is expected to begin commercial flights sometime next year.

NBC offered no estimate on when "Space Race" would air.

"The term 'trip of a lifetime' has for once been delivered on," said Paul Telegdy, NBC's president of alternative and late-night programming. "This will be a remarkable experience for anyone who has looked at the night's sky and dared to dream of space flight."

Virgin has been testing its rocket-powered space vehicle this year, with pilots reaching a height of 69,000 feet (21,000 meters) on a Sept. 5 flight that landed in the Mojave Desert near Virgin Galactic's facility there. Virgin has said the



This Sept. 25, 2013 file photo shows British entrepreneur Richard Branson at the Virgin Galactic hangar at Mojave Air and Space Port in Mojave, Calif.

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goal is to begin commercial flights next year, with Branson and his family taking the first ride.

Virgin has already collected \$80 million in deposits from 640 people interested in experiencing the weightlessness of space.

A TV show could be great publicity for Branson's company. Competitors, such as billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk's SpaceX, are also working to make commercial spaceflight a reality.

Burnett, the producer behind "The Voice" and "Survivor," said he has wanted for 10 years to make a show with the goal of let-

ting an average person experience looking down on Earth from the black sky of space.

He wasn't immediately available Thursday to talk about how the show will be structured. He has made the finales of "Survivor" and "The Voice" live television events, and it is unsure whether a winner's ride on "Space Race" could be televised live. NBC and other broadcast networks have been pushing for more live "events" that can become sensations on social media.

He promised, though, that "viewers at home will have a first-class seat." □

Mia Farrow: 'Possible' son is Frank Sinatra's

NEW YORK (AP) — Mia Farrow says in an interview with Vanity Fair that it's possible her son with Woody Allen is instead Frank Sinatra's.

Farrow told the magazine that she and Sinatra "never really split up" and when asked if Ronan Farrow might actually be Sinatra's son, she answered, "Possibly."

Ronan Farrow tweeted Wednesday: "Listen, we're all (asterisk) possibly(asterisk) Frank Sinatra's son."

A representative for Allen told The Associated Press, "The article is so fictitious and extravagantly absurd that he is not going to comment."

Mia Farrow was married to Sinatra for 18 months. Asked about the Sinatra family's relationship with Ronan, the singer's daughter, Nancy Sinatra Jr., told the magazine he "is a big part of us, and we are blessed to have him in our lives."

Farrow and Allen had a 12

year relationship but split in 1992, when the actress discovered the director was having an affair with her adopted daughter from another marriage, Soon-Yi Previn, now Allen's wife. A lengthy custody battle followed for Ronan and the couple's two other children, in which Farrow accused Allen of sexually abusing another adopted child. Allen's attorney continued to deny the allegations in a statement to the magazine. □



In this Sept. 22, 2011 file photo released by the United Nations Foundation, Ronan Farrow, Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for Global Youth Issues, speaks during the Social Good Summit in New York.

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From Kanye to Pharrell, rap stars embrace Cyrus

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NEW YORK (AP) — While Miley Cyrus has a batch of critics, there is a group rallying behind her and praising her as a vital talent: rappers. Pharrell produced several songs on Cyrus' new album. She has been featured on the latest albums from Snoop Lion and will.i.am. Big Sean requested her as the star of his "Fire" music video. And to top it off, Kanye West invited her to appear on the remix to "Black Skinhead," his anti-racism rant from his eerie and dark "Yeezus" album. Cyrus' album "Bangerz," out Tuesday, features guest spots from Big Sean, Nelly, Future and French Montana. In an interview, Juicy J called the 20-year-old "a genius." 50 Cent, who hasn't yet worked with her, added that Cyrus "can be on anything hip-hop orientated because (she's) rebellious."

The idea of the former "Hannah Montana" star becoming a muse for rap stars seems odd to some, but Mike WILL Made-It, who executive produced "Bangerz," said the singer has struck a chord with rappers because she isn't following in the footsteps of pop stars like Katy Perry but creating her own bold path. "People like Kanye are fans of music, people



In this Sept. 21, 2013 file photo, Miley Cyrus performs at IHeartRadio Music Village in Las Vegas, Nev. Cyrus' album "Bangerz," out Tuesday, features guest spots from Big Sean, Nelly, Future and French Montana. She will host and perform on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" this week.

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like Pharrell are fans of all types of music. ... It all boils down to her being very talented and not scared to do new things," said the producer, whose new single, "23," features Cyrus, Wiz Khalifa and Juicy J. "Her voice is incredible. It's one of a kind ... no limitations," added Mike WILL Made-It, who is behind hits like Juicy J's "Bandz a Make Her Dance" and Rihanna's "Pour It Up." Others aren't sure if talent is the reason behind it. "Whether you're a Miley fan or not, she is the girl of the moment," said Cori Murray, entertainment director at Essence magazine. "Business is business.

They're in the music business; she's the girl of the moment, so why not get on record with the girl of the moment? That's as basic as it's going to get." Cyrus, who will host and perform on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" this week, has been the girl of the moment for months now. It started with her transformation from teen queen to twerk queen, rising with her edgy "We Can't Stop" party-style music video. Of course, she hit new heights (or to some, new depths) with her eye-popping, sexually charged MTV Video Music Awards performance in August. It featured the scantily dressed

singer twerking, gyrating on Robin Thicke and what's become her signature move — sticking out her tongue. The wild child antics — from being nude in the music video for her first No. 1 hit, "Wrecking Ball," to her embrace of drug culture in a recent Rolling Stone interview — have made headlines. But her VMA performance and twerking with black female dancers caused another stir, with many questioning if Cyrus is wrongfully appropriating black culture as a path to success. "That's a very ignorant statement to say like, 'Oh, she's misrepresenting the

black culture 'cause she's twerking.' If that's the only thing that represents the black culture, that's sad," Mike WILL Made-It said. "We got a whole bunch of (stuff) that represents the black culture." Murray, who said she and other editors at Essence discussed Cyrus after her VMA performance, echoed the producer's thoughts. "I think the black culture that she is influenced by, I think it's black culture that has become popular culture. There is so much to (black culture) and we're so complicated and she is just what mainstream America thinks about black culture," she said. But while the star is a product of hip-hop culture, "Bangerz" is far from a hip-hop album. The 13-track set has moments that are downbeat, others are up-tempo dance numbers and electronic. It also features Britney Spears and production and songwriting work from pop master Dr. Luke. "Once they get over all the twerking ... once they get past all of that and listen to the music, the music is actually great," said Mike WILL Made-It. While Cyrus has her rap cheerleaders, not everyone has embraced her. When asked about Cyrus' high profile rap collaborations, Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson jumped in with: "Or the idea of Miley using us as accessories? I don't know." □



This Oct. 2, 2013 photo released by ABC shows actress Kerry Washington posing next to a mannequin in a tuxedo, part of an installation honoring the TV series "Scandal," at Saks 5th Avenue in New York.

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'Scandal' cast gets mannequin treatment at store

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NEW YORK (AP) — "Gladiators in suits" is the term for the characters in the TV show "Scandal" who work for Kerry Washington's character, Olivia Pope. But Wednesday in New York it was all about gladiators in stores. Cast members gathered for both a party and the unveiling of mannequins inspired by their characters in the windows of the Saks Fifth Avenue department store.

"It's thrilling," said Washington, who curated the installation with the television show's costume designer, Lyn Paolo. "When I landed at one in the morning I came straight here from the airport because I was dying to see the final product from all these phone calls and brainstorming sessions, and it's really thrilling." "Scandal" centers on Pope, a crisis management expert in Washington, D.C. She also happens to be having an affair with

the president of the United States, played by Tony Goldwyn. Washington and actor Scott Foley even stepped inside the window displays to check out their mannequins, much to the delight of those passing by who quickly started snapping photos. The mannequins are wearing clothing by designers the show has used like Giorgio Armani, Donna Karan, Calvin Klein, Michael Kors and Carolina Herrera. "Scandal" premieres this

week in the U.S. The stars couldn't give away spoilers but did say to expect the unexpected. "These writers are not backing down at all," Washington said with a laugh. "There are so many great moments so far... moments where at the (script reading) I couldn't pick my jaw up off the floor," Foley added. Saks stores in Beverly Hills, California, and Chevy Chase, Maryland, also have the window displays. □

Creeping Cloud



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BLUFFDALE, Utah - At the Husband and Wife lingerie store here in Mormon country - where babies are welcome amid the sex toys and the motto is "Classy, tasteful and comfortable" - no one had heard of it. At the Allami smoke shop across the street, adjacent to a hypnosis center that can help you stop smoking, they were disturbed by it. Down the road at Quiznos, the young man making subs went on a rant about his insular community's compliance with the government's intrusions into Americans' private lives. Indeed, this valley of subdivisions, sagebrush and one of the remaining polygamous sects gets more exercised about the letter "c" - there's a Kapuccino cafe, a Maverik convenience store and a Picasso print shop - than they do about the National Security Agency's secretive new \$2 billion, 1-million-square-foot data death star. As Mark Reid, Bluffdale's city manager, told The New York Times' Michael Schmidt, the community's initial excitement about new jobs faded because many of the data analysts are elsewhere. The good jobs, he says, are for security dogs who have a "plush" kennel. "They don't interact with anybody, they don't let anybody come up there," he said. "It is like they are not there. It is not like they are IBM and they join us for town days and sponsor a booth." At a hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee in Washington on Thursday, Democratic Sen. Mark Udall of Colorado tried to pin down the shadowy and largely unchecked Emperor Alexander, as the NSA head, Gen. Keith Alexander, is known, on whether his agency is indiscriminately Hoovering up Americans' phone records. "I believe it is in the nation's best interest to put all the phone records into a lockbox that we could search when the nation needs to do it, yes," Alexander said. When Alexander was asked a year ago if the Bluffdale center would hold the data of Americans, he replied no: "We don't hold data on U.S. citizens," adding that reports that they would "grab all the emails" were "grossly misreported." Democratic Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon told me ruefully that on Thursday, "Alexander put in a lockbox information that he's told the public he doesn't have.

This is what we're dealing with. "They think it's OK to repeatedly say one thing to the public about domestic surveillance and do something completely different in private," continued Wyden, who pressed Alexander about whether they're collecting cellphone location information. The senator is skeptical that the NSA is open to reform, noting, "They're just putting the same wine in a new bottle." Alexander recently wrote his employees' families to reassure them that any news reports that the agency had overreached - behaving "as more of a rogue element than a national treasure" - were "sensationalized." Yet, news broke this past week that the NSA inspector general admitted that there had been a dozen instances of staffers spying on love interests. (The Wall Street Journal said this practice was known as "LOVEINT," for love intelligence.) The Bluffdale sinkhole, which has quietly started sucking in mountains of data in the shadow of mountains, is the lockbox. This squat, ugly complex of four buildings is the creepy symbol of the NSA's remorseless reach deep into our lives. I drove onto the Utah National Guard's Camp Williams base to see the concrete data cloud up close. Never mind puny terabytes. Or even exabytes, a handful of which can hold all knowledge from the dawn of man, according to estimates. James Bamford, the chronicler of the untrammelled powers of the "Puzzle Palace," as he calls the NSA, wrote in Wired that the Utah tower of Babel might be able to store a yottabyte. That is equal to a septillion bytes or about 500 quintillion (500,000,000,000,000,000,000) pages of text. "It's basically the NSA's external hard drive," Bamford told me, noting that our phone call was no doubt being logged by the Bluffdale computers. "It holds more private information than anyplace else on Earth." Bamford believes that the NSA has transmogrified from an agency that "watched the Soviet Union to make sure it didn't blow us up with nuclear weapons," to one "that keeps collecting and collecting and collecting but doesn't seem to do us any good." "They saw 9/11 and all these other terrorist attacks on CNN. They didn't have a clue. The more electronic hay they stack on their haystack, the more difficult it is to find the needle." Bamford believes that Americans need to get out of their crouch on terrorism and get alarmed that James Clapper, the director of national intelligence, can deceive Congress without even a reprimand from the president. Still, Bamford and Wyden see signs of hope. "If you had told me six months ago that somebody would come up and ask me about the FISA court at the barbershop," Wyden said, "I would have said fat chance."



Hasan Does Manhattan



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I had the chance this past week to take part in two press meetings with Iran's new president, Hasan Rouhani, and they left me with several distinct impressions: 1) He's not here by accident. That is, this Iranian charm offensive is not because Rouhani, unlike his predecessor, went to charm school. Powerful domestic pressures have driven him here. 2) We are finally going to see a serious, face-to-face negotiation between top Iranian and U.S. diplomats over Iran's nuclear program. 3) I have no clue and would not dare predict whether these negotiations will lead to a peaceful resolution of the Iranian nuclear crisis. 4) The fact that we're now going to see serious negotiations raises the stakes considerably. It means that if talks fail, President Barack Obama will face a real choice between military action and permanent sanctions that could help turn Iran into a giant failed state. 5) Pray that option 2 succeeds. Let's go through these. Think about Iran's recent election that brought Rouhani to the presidency. Iran's Guardian Council approved only eight candidates, and two dropped out before the balloting. All were considered "safe" from the regime's point of view - no authentic liberals - but as the election approached, it became clear that Rouhani was a bit more liberal than the others. So Iranians had a choice: Mr. Black, Mr. Black, Mr. Black, Mr. Black, Mr. Black or Mr. Gray. And guess what happened? On June 14, Mr. Gray, Hasan Rouhani, won by a landslide,

garnering nearly 51 percent of the votes, with the second-place finisher, the mayor of Tehran, getting about 16 percent. Clearly, many Iranians are fed up and used the sliver of openness they had to stampede toward the most liberal candidate. Again, Iranians have now had enough democracy to know they want more of it, and they've had enough Islamic ideology and sanctions to know they want less of them. I am not alone in that view. The Iranian rial, which had lost some two-thirds of its value in the past two years of sanctions, shot up after Rouhani's election, and Iran's stock exchange rose 7 percent, on hopes that the new president would negotiate a nuclear deal to end the sanctions. In a country with rampant unemployment and nearly 30 percent inflation, is this any surprise? No, Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, did not allow Rouhani to run and win and start negotiations by accident. The power struggle in Iran is no longer just between the Revolutionary Guards, with their vast business network and illegal ports that they use to break the sanctions and enrich themselves, and the more pragmatic clerics. The Iranian silent majority is now empowered and is in this story, and Rouhani's charm offensive was dictated as much by them as by the supreme leader. I had a chat with Rouhani's very sharp chief of staff, Mohammad Nahavandian, and asked about his background. He is an economist, earned his Ph.D. at George Washington University, and recently led the Iran Chamber of Commerce and Iran's negotiating team to join the World Trade Organization. He's Rouhani's closest aide. Interesting. To put it another way, Rouhani is here because Iran's regime is both overextended and under-integrated. Ten years ago, America was overextended in the Middle East - mired in Iraq and Afghanistan and vulnerable to covert attacks by Iran and its allies. Today, Iran's regime is overextended,

expending men and money and energy every day to keep the Syrian regime alive, Hezbollah on its feet in Lebanon and its allies fortified in Iraq and Afghanistan. But while the regime is overextended, Iranians under age 30 - some 60 percent of the population - feel underintegrated with the rest of the world. They want to be able to study, work and travel in - and listen to music, read books and watch films from - the rest of the world. That means lifting sanctions. The fact that Rouhani could not shake Obama's hand (they did speak by phone, in the end) because he feared a photo-op would be used against him by hard-line Revolutionary Guards back home - before he had gains to show for it - tells us how hard it will be to reach the only kind of nuclear deal Obama can sign on to. That is one that affirms Iran's right to produce fuel for civilian nuclear power, but with a nuclear enrichment infrastructure small enough, and international oversight and safeguards stringent enough, that a quick breakout to a bomb would be impossible. Geopolitics is all about leverage: who's got it and who doesn't. Today, the negotiating table is tilted our way. That is to Obama's credit. We should offer Iranians a deal that accedes to their desire for civilian nuclear power and thus affirms their scientific prowess - remember that Iran's 1979 revolution was as much a nationalist rebellion against a regime installed by the West as a religious revolution, so having a nuclear program has broad nationalist appeal there - while insisting on a foolproof inspection regime. We can accept that deal, but can they? I don't know. But if we put it on the table and make it public, so the Iranian people also get a vote - not just the pragmatists and hard-liners in the regime - you'll see some real politics break out there, and it won't merely be about the quality of Iran's nuclear program but about the quality of life in Iran.

Cutting Edge:

Cheap razor made after P&G watches Indians shave

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NEW YORK (AP) — Procter & Gamble executives say it was striking the first time they witnessed a man shave while sitting barefoot on the floor in a tiny hut in India.

He had no electricity, no running water and no mirror.

The 20 U.S.-based executives observed the man in 2008 during one of 300 visits they made to homes in rural India. The goal? To gain insights they could use to develop a new razor for India.

American product.

To successfully sell products overseas, particularly in developing markets, companies must tweak them so they're relevant to the people who live there. And often, that means rethinking everything from the product's design to its cost. More companies will have to consider this balancing act as they increasingly move into emerging markets such as India, China and Brazil to offset slower growth in developed regions such as the U.S.

For its part, P&G has doubled the percentage of its

gross domestic product growth was 3.2 percent in 2012, according to the World Bank, compared with 2.2 percent in the U.S. the same year.

Still, India's widespread poverty presents challenges for companies used to customers with more disposable income. India's per capita income is just about \$124 a month, compared with \$4,154 in the U.S., according to the World Bank.

Gillette has sold razors in India for over a decade. The company had 37.3 percent market share in 2007,

didn't want to rush into designing a product, though. Gillette had stumbled once before with its early version of the Vector in 2002. The version of that razor had a plastic push bar that slid down to unclog the razor. The bar was added because Indian men have thicker hair and a higher hair density than their American counterparts. Adding to that, they often shave less frequently than American men, so they wind up shaving longer beards. Gillette, which is based in Boston, wanted to test the product among Indian consumers before launching it, but instead of making the costly trip abroad, they had Indian students at nearby Massachusetts Institute of Technology test the razor. "They all came back and said 'Wow that's a big improvement,'" Carvalho recalls. But when Gillette launched the razor in India, the reaction was different. Executives were baffled about why the razor flopped until they traveled to India and observed men using a cup of water to shave. All the MIT students had running water. Without that, the razor stayed clogged.

"That's another 'a-ha' moment," Carvalho said. "That taught us the importance that you really need to go where your consumers are, not just to talk to them, but observe and spend time with them to gather the key insight."

The takeaway: In the U.S., razor makers spent decades on marketing centered on a close shave, adding blade after blade to achieve a smoother cheek. But men in India are more concerned about not cutting themselves.

"I worked in this category for 23 years and I never realized with those insights that's how they think about the product," said Eric Liu, Gillette's director of research and development, global shave care.

With that knowledge, the Gillette team started making a new razor for the Indian market. In nine months,

P&G developed five prototypes. The company declined to give specifics on each prototype for competitive reasons. But they tested things like handle designs, how well the blade cuts hair and how easy the razor is to rinse.

The resulting Guard razor has one blade, to put the emphasis on safety rather than closeness, compared with two to five blades found on U.S. razors.

One insight from filming shavers was that Indians grip the razors in many different ways, so the handle is textured to allow for easy gripping. There's also a hole at the handle's base, to make it easier to hang up, and a small comb by the blade since Indians hair growth tends to be thicker. Next, the company had to figure out how to produce the razor at the right price. "We had to say 'How do we do this at ruthless cost?'" Carvalho said.

P&G scrutinized the smallest details. It cut the number of components in the razor down to 4 compared with 25 needed for Mach3, Gillette's three-blade razor. They even made the razor's handle hollow so it would be lighter and cheaper to make.

"I can remember talking about changes to this product that were worth a thousandth, or two thousandths of a cent," said Jim Keighley, the company's associate director for product engineering.

The result? The Guard costs about one third of what it costs to make the Vector, Gillette's low-price Indian razor before Guard. Gillette sells the Guard for 15 rupees, or 34 cents, and each razor blade is 5 rupees, or 12 cents.

The company's strategy seems to have worked. P&G says with 9 percent market share, Guard has grown share faster than any other P&G brand in India. And Gillette's market share for razors and blades in India has grown to 49.1 percent, according to Euromonitor. That's up from 37.3 in 2007. □



A man applies cream on his face in Mumbai, India. In October 2013, Procter & Gamble has introduced Gillette Guard, a low-cost razor designed for emerging markets like India.

(AP Photo/Rafiq Maqbool)

"That, for me, was a big 'a-ha,'" said Alberto Carvalho, vice president, global Gillette, a unit of P&G. "I had never seen people shaving like that."

The visits kicked off the 18 months it took to develop Gillette Guard, a low-cost razor designed for India and other emerging markets. Introduced three years ago, Guard quickly gained market share and today represents two out of every three razors sold in India. The story of how Guard came to be illustrates the balance companies must strike when creating products for emerging markets: It's not as simple as slapping a foreign label on an

roughly \$20 billion in annual revenue coming from emerging markets since 2000 to about 40 percent. Ali Dibadj, a Bernstein analyst who follows P&G, said the Guard razor, which has been used by more than 50 million men in India, serves as a roadmap for companies seeking to court emerging markets.

"It made P&G realize how much investment it really takes to be successful in India," he said. "That's the art of emerging markets." India long has been an attractive country for U.S. companies looking for growth. It has 1.24 billion people. And its economy is bustling: India's annual

selling its high end Mach3 razor, which costs about \$2.75, and a stripped down Vector two-bladed razor on the lower end, which goes for about 72 cents.

But Gillette wanted more of the market. To do that, P&G executives would have to attract the nearly 500 million Indians who use double-edged razors, an old fashioned T-shaped razor that has no protective piece of plastic that goes between the blade and the skin when shaving. This razor, which makes skin cuts more likely, costs just a few pennies per blade.

Carvalho, who spearheaded Gillette's effort to grow market share in India,